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Ed. note: I am very sorry to report that former class correspondent, **Mary Elizabeth Wisotzkey McClellan** (**Mew**), passed away on February 2. In the fall she sent in an update saying she had moved again to assisted living in the health center at RiverMead and was enjoying living in memories of a wonderful life. I very much enjoyed working with her. She will be missed.

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REUNION CLASS Sorry to bring the bad news first, but word has been received of the death of **Avery Post** (The Rev. Dr. Avery Denison Post) on September 7 in Hanover, N.H. Avery's accomplishments, far too numerous to list here, will be in the obituary section of a future issue. His late wife, **Margaret "Peg"** (**Rowland**) was originally in our class but accelerated to '45. In later years Avery was considered to be our "class chaplain." He also served as general minister and president of the United Church of Christ (Congregational) for 12 years! We send our condolences to Avery's family. • We also send our sympathy to the family of **Walter Wood**, who died on February 4, 2019. Walter entered the service during World War II after our freshman year. • **Betsy "Barc" Barclay Wales** told me what was happening at her abode in Cape Elizabeth, Maine, during this COVID-19 pandemic. Although residents have been able to go outside, walk around, or sit in the sun, visitors are only allowed to talk with them through an open window. Masks are required, of course. Breakfast and dinner are delivered to their rooms but lunch is served in the dining room at tables for two. Barc said it's a long hike from her room to the dining room, made easier with the aid of two hiking sticks. Barc also shared the sad news that her son, Peter, has brain cancer. • **Lois Brigham Selnau** was the hoped-for subject of a scam recently—or maybe I, **Cam**, was. I received an email that was purportedly from Lois (with a different address), saying something like "I need to hear from you. Help." And having ignored the message, that's the last I've heard, and I hope Lois also heard no more. • **Cynthia "Cinnie" Proud Jennings** is still living in her lovely big home near Delanson, N.Y., and her daughter from Michigan who is a widow herself has moved in with her. Cynthia reports that they have not been too affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, except for wearing a mask and keeping their distance when out shopping, etc. They have fun together and she enjoys cozying up by the woodstove this winter with a good book. We both wondered if there will be a celebration of our 75th Reunion this spring. And, if so, we would both hope to be there! • **Jean Schwab Schork** is also still living in her home in Westfield, N.J. Her daughter, Lynn, who recently retired from teaching, was with her when I called because it was Jean's birthday. Although Jean still drives, Lynn took her to have her flu shot. The choir that Jean has been directing for many years had to disband because of the pandemic and recently the members invited themselves to sing for Jean on her front lawn and driveway (social distancing). Jean said it was wonderful! She went to Maine to her house on the island of Southport in Boothbay Harbor for July and part of August, and plans to go there this year. • **Mary Selleck Hellekjaer** is having a busy life in an apartment complex in Bethesda, Md., near the Beltway. Being close to such a busy highway, trees and other greenery are important and Mary is the facility's landscape committee chairman. She hustles around on her scooter! For exercise she swims daily in the pool. Because of the pandemic, meals are delivered to residents' rooms except for a designated day when they can have a meal at a table for two. When family visits, they must stay outside, social distancing of course. Mary said she was approached by a woman who noticed the Middlebury bag on her scooter and told her that her parents had just moved there. She's hoping to meet them someday.

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I had a long talk with **Fran Swain Moretti**. She is well and enjoying life in spite of the limitations imposed by the virus. She says what she misses most is contact with others, and she looks forward to the time when the human voice can be used for all communication. We agreed that it is not a time to be young and starting out, and we are sorry that the next generation has to live with such a messy world. She was lucky to spend some time in Maine this past summer. She has "plenty of free time" but nothing to do with it as everything is closed down. As a child, she did not like the telephone because once she had answered it, she did not know what to say. Now it is her best friend, as it is her only contact with others. She feels a little disappointed in some of the young people who feel they can do whatever they want without concern for others. She said she found all the things happening at once—the virus, the election, the Supreme Court, Black Lives Matter, virtual education for children, et cetera—almost too much to bear, as if to tell us that we'd had things too easy for too long and now we'd better do something about it. Her family has always treated setbacks with the attitude "it could be worse, but we hope it won't be." • I called **Betty Virtue Mozes** and discovered that it was the telephone number for the nursing home. Sadly, I learned that she died on September 23. • I communicated with **Robert Sambone**, who had celebrated his 98th birthday, which at the time probably made him the oldest member of our class. He was happy to be living in a nice neighborhood. But I'm sorry to report that he died on November 23. • **Alice Neef Perine** feels blessed to have family members close by to keep in touch and help her when needed. She had just returned from a foliage tour that took her into New York State. Her son Ken had made the tour previously and had told her that they had to go "right away" so that she would see the trees at their peak color. She has had a stair elevator installed so she can easily get to the second story. But though she likes it, she does not use it too often. One of her granddaughters is newly engaged and busily considering plans, but as yet has made no firm decisions. Alice is well with the exception of her legs, but she is able to get around as long as she moves slowly. She said that Vermont received a citation commending them for their response to the coronavirus. • I called **Jean Mace Burnell** only to discover she is no longer in her home, but has moved into assisted living. She finds it all right. She has a large room and everything she needs. Trying to keep the virus under control, they are required to wear masks at all times and maintain social distancing. She found that particularly hard in the dining room. While the dining room is open, the tables are eight feet apart, and only one person is allowed at a table, so communication is impossible. Seeing no point in that, Jean elected to have her meals, which are served in a paper bag, delivered to her room. When I called, she had just celebrated her 95th birthday. She is sad because all of her friends have died, and she has not been in her present home long enough to make new ones, a situation that is heightened by the need to follow the new rules due to the virus. She is bothered by isolation and loneliness. Her sons and families live nearby but she cannot be with them, again due to the virus rules. They take her to her medical appointments but that does not give them any quality time together. She can go to the gym, but is required to fill out a form, and only a limited number may be there at a time. She said that her father had always been concerned about population growth, that there are too many of us in too limited a space, which does not help matters when there is a pandemic or any other human crisis. She feels sorry for parents

who have to balance the education of their children with the need to work. We agreed that our generation was probably blessed with the good times, and we do not envy future generations who must clean up so many problems. Being 95 is not all that bad. • When I contacted **Tiffany Clark Nourse**, I was dismayed to find she was not feeling well. She was experiencing bouts of atrial fibrillation. While she had had them occasionally in the past, they are now plaguing her on a constant basis. She will undergo treatment to find out what the exact problem is. Her family members are fortunately well, although all are bored with COVID-19. Tiffany would especially like to have the library open. While you can order books and pick them up at the curb, it does not give you broad use of the library for research and study. She is playing a lot of bridge, but they all follow the rules of the virus: wearing face masks and observing social distancing, and they play only two hours at a time. A new grandchild was due when we talked, but the gender was as yet unknown. The baby is the child of the couple who were stationed in Hong Kong. The mother will continue with the same job she had in Hong Kong, but the father's job is over and he will look for a new job in the States. Tiffany said that in the fall there were numerous tents stationed around the College campus where classes could take place. The public is still not allowed to be on campus. She also said several students were sent home because they would not follow the new rules being enforced to keep all safe from the virus. • I wanted to phone **Barbara "Bobbie" Bates Lauterwasser** but did not have her number. My niece used Google to trace her down. She found a news article about Barbara's deceased husband Herb. At the end of the article, it provided a telephone number and indicated that she had moved to Missouri. Considering Bobbie's love of New Hampshire, I found that hard to believe. For three days, I rang the number. Today, I finally received an answer: yes, Barbara Lauterwasser answered the phone. She didn't know who I was or why I called. I thought maybe it was one of Bobbie's children, but no, she was no relation whatever, and she did not graduate from Middlebury in '47, but from Missouri State in 1973. However, she was delighted to know that someone else shared her name, especially considering that Lauterwasser is not very common. It goes to show that despite all the challenges we've encountered with COVID-19, we can still be human and connect with others, even if we don't know them.

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48 Jonathan Milley sent the sad news that his mother, **Carolyn Widegren Milley,** passed away on December 8 from COVID-19 and dementia. "I was prompted to contact the College sooner rather than later as a few days after her passing, my son was accepted Early Decision at his grandmother's alma mater. Middlebury was very important to my mother and she passed knowing that her grandson wanted to matriculate there as well. This circle of life may not be important to many, but it carries a lot of meaning for our family and so I wanted to present the news of my mother's passing in this context. Middlebury had an outsized place in the Milley family growing up; Mom became quite the skier there and liked to tell the story of riding on the flatbed truck to the Snow Bowl after classes. When she saved enough money she would go over to Stowe as well. This enjoyment was passed on and her grandson chose Middlebury partly for this same reason (though he also chose it for the opportunity to continue with his Chinese language studies, something I suspect was not available in 1944!). I just wish Mom had held on another week and she would have known he had been accepted." Our condolences go to the whole Milley family.

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49 Correspondent **Dixon Hemphill** reports: The first of 2020 started out like any other year but in March we realized our lives would be quite different because the virus had arrived. We were told it wouldn't be so bad—just wash your hands, keep a distance from people, and wear a mask. As the year wore on things got worse because many people started dying! The virus turned out to be very contagious and dangerous. My wife, June, and I stayed home more than usual but during the summer we did venture out to shop and visit friends. In July I ran a virtual mile sponsored by the Navy. June timed me at a local high school and I sent my time to the sponsors. A medal arrived in the mail later indicating that I had placed first in the age 90-and-above group. An enjoyable event came when my sailing friend, who is with the National Symphony, and his wife came to our house to play for us. He plays the bass cello and she the flute. They stood on our porch eight feet away and played several beautiful songs. But as the fall months came we remained in our home much more and fortunately one of our daughters began to buy groceries for us. We ventured out only for doctors' appointments. We watched TV much more than before and were astounded at the deaths that were occurring, especially in the nursing homes. We also were amazed at the antics of President Trump, who seemed to be interested only in himself! In November I had the opportunity to be tested for the virus—the result was negative. We listened to Dr. Fauci, the doctor from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, who spoke often about the situation regarding the virus. By December the number of deaths from the virus had risen to over 350,000 deaths! As I write this it is January 10, 2021, which happens to be my 96th birthday. Of course the big event that occurred on January 6 was the storming of the nation's Capitol Building by the huge group of insurgents encouraged by Trump. What a tragedy considering the damage done and the six lives lost! Our democracy has been threatened and the Republican party's future is uncertain. Finally we just learned that June and I will be vaccinated for the virus tomorrow—good news! • I was so sorry to learn of **Norman Joslin**'s death in December 2020. He and I were on Midd's track team together and we were both pole vaulters. I send my sincere condolences to his family.

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51 **REUNION CLASS** Happy New Year! Let's hope and pray that 2021 will be a better year than 2020. • Congratulations to **Roly Coates**, who had his book of poetry, *Seasons and Scenes,* published. It's a beautiful book with not only his poetry but also colored pencil and watercolor art that he created. He thanks his wife, Liz, for helping him put it together. One of his poems, "At One," was written while he was a student at Middlebury. One day, as he was walking around campus, he saw "a large rock sat alone in a field of grass." (We all know the rock he is talking about). As he felt the warmth of the rock, "A voice seemed to say / Enjoy the warmth—give it to others / As I give it to you. / Love the beauty surrounding us / As you are part of it. / We are all created the same way / We are all part of each other—all of us." What a great message for today's world! Roly's writings inspire us to pay more attention to the beauty that surrounds us and to be grateful for the people in our lives. • **Joan Macklaier Birkett** wrote from way out in British Columbia. "My mind is active while my body has parts like knees that keep me using a walker after years of ski racing." And oh, what a ski racer she was! She now enjoys having her daughter visit and help her. Joan also enjoys writing poetry. She has been writing her memoirs of post-college adventures doing research on young people in the Arctic for *Sesame Street*. She also enjoys observing the wildlife that she can see from her window. • I'm sorry to have to report that **Frank Vogt** died on September 19 and **John Whitton** died on October 12. We send condolences to their families. • As I (**Lee**) think about our years at Midd, I feel that it must be quite different now. These are difficult times with lockdowns and closures and so much concern about being in crowds. I am sure that the faculty and administrators and all the staff are doing everything possible to make these years at the

College on the Hill the most wonderful, memorable, enriching years of their lives! Now remember—we have our 70th Reunion coming in June. Yes, 70 years! That means, of course, that we are old! Stay well and please keep in touch! Best wishes to all, **Lee**.
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Jeanne Koelsch McGee's voice was wholly familiar when she answered my call to her. After graduation, she and I had shared a room when we spent a year at Harvard, so it was a true pleasure to be back in touch with her after too many years. Many of those years Jeanne and **Hal** ran a hardware store and lived on Shelter Island, N.Y. But after Hal's death in 2003, Jeanne went to live with family in Williamsburg, Va., by invitation from daughter Judy, who added a private wing to her home, and to this day Jeanne finds it was a happy solution. Judy is a kindergarten teacher. During the time of COVID isolation, Judy's husband was working from home on government projects, so Jeanne had close-by company, which she found reassuring as arthritis has required her to depend on a walker and give up driving. Living in Williamsburg also puts Jeanne close to her three sons and the rest of her family and she planned to spend Christmas with the youngest and his wife. During our chat, Jeanne told me that she has been regularly in touch with **Ruth Parry Cran**, who lives with her son out in Colorado, so I've learned Ruth is also doing well. For most of our conversation, however, Jeanne and I reminisced about shared times in Cambridge, Mass., and how important Middlebury had been to both of us all those many years ago. She is as amazed as I am that we are a few months short of 90—which brings me to the next comment. • **Priscilla Norman Forschler** celebrated her 90th with a collective Zoom party in November. I herewith apologize for messing up on the date; it simply slipped by as the days did in this COVIDly weird time and I failed to Zoom in. Many of us are turning toward, or have already entered, our 10th decade this year and it is a surprising one. How did one get so old!? • Similar bemused feelings were expressed by **Joyce Rohr**, who has moved from her home in Boulder, Colo., into an apartment there. She remains busy with her music and is still performing at times, but of late, she has been mentoring another guitarist with his work, devising exercises to strengthen his attack on the strings to help "clarify" (her words) the notes as well as strengthen his performances. Otherwise Joyce is as always her indefatigable self. I loved talking with her. • **Donald "Dee" Rowe** passed away on the 10th of January. I had phoned him in the fall. A family member answered the phone and called to him, "Coach! Coach! Phone call!" He recognized me when I identified myself as Peanuts, laughed, but didn't add any thoughts he wanted to convey. But what that call left with me was a vision of Dee—always handsome, always laughing, but most of all, always the Coach who had lived a big life with proud achievements. He will be missed. • My own efforts on behalf of my late husband, Grey Villet's, work continue, in particular with his historic take on the Lovings. His intimate portrait of Richard and Mildred Loving for *Life* in the year before they won the groundbreaking Supreme Court decision upholding the lawfulness of interracial marriage has had a long life and kept me involved in various projects and treatments, including exhibitions at the International Center of Photography in New York and elsewhere, a feature film still available on Netflix, an original documentary and another doc forthcoming on the same platform this year plus our own book on the subject. The latter was a family affair: I wrote the text to accompany Grey's images of the Lovings and our daughter Ann Villet '87 designed the book. So what's next? At this stage, 90 is only a marker on a long and rewarding journey—so all of you stay well, stay busy, and be happy! • Finally, I'm looking for one of the men from our class to help with the column in the wake of the sad loss of our wonderful **Chuck Ratté**. Please be in touch via Sara Marshall at Middlebury at smarshal@middlebury.edu. My best to all. BV
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Correspondent **Julie Howard Parker** reports: Hello to all our dear classmates united by our Middlebury connection but separated by COVID-19. I focused upon California alums this time, hearing from **Sally Green Risberg** and **Peter Neisser**. (It makes me worry about not hearing from **Lois Robinson Limbach** or **Nancy Wright Reuther**.) COVID-19 is like a scourge of fleas, hopping from person to person. **Sheila Collins**'s phone number is no longer in service nor is **Carol Anderson Gwatkin**'s. • **Sally Risberg** says none of her family members have been affected by COVID-19 but she is sick of wearing a mask and staying six feet from the rest of the world. She felt Middlebury really thought through its decision to have students back on campus but was wary of them interacting. It seemed to work out okay. When I heard from her, Sally was, for the *second time,* in evacuation status, out of her Santa Rosa retirement community, where the fire came right to her road. She stayed with her son three hours away for two weeks. The cleanup of ash and debris slowed her return. She's not the only one thinking about returning to New England. Louise Gluck, 2020 Nobel Prize winner, is thinking about using her prize money to buy in Vermont! • **Peter Neisser** is tired of the lockdown too. But no one in his family has been affected by COVID-19. As to what he thought about Middlebury opening up classes on campus, it was a test. He felt if Midd students were more mature and responsible than other rule breakers, it was a brave idea and up to the students to prove their mettle. • I called **David McCully** who lives two towns from us in Altadena. "Isn't it time to give up this newsletter business?" he asked. He perked up when I told him our daughter was in a show at Art Center College of Design, because he attended night school there years ago and made many friends. He often paints in a park at the foot of our Altadena mountains, so I persuaded him, when the pandemic is over, to have a joint lunch with **Peter** and me. He complained there is never any news about our class. I corrected him! "You're news. You're doing interesting things, David." He said he would send me a photo of his art, but not to send it to Midd. I told him he'd better check the next newsletter to see if I obeyed his order! (He asked how many of our class are still alive: about 129, including quite a few who didn't graduate from Midd. Would that be roughly one-third?) • **Tom Ryan** and **Peter** and I are all fine, with no family members affected so far. In fact Tom has found a new cheap thrill (not so cheap I'm sure) in taking a ride in a demo flight in an autogyro. I had no idea such a thing existed. Tom explains: "They died in the 1930s, but they're back! This was a German-designed aircraft shipped in kit form to the U.S. and assembled here. They come in a variety of configurations, but this one had a 100-horsepower motor and a huge rudder. It was like sitting on a motorcycle, but 1,000 feet up in the air. With no top or sides, the visibility was superb. Although it is very maneuverable and easy to fly, at my age, I don't see one in my future. But I'll happily go for another flight or two! Look around in your neighborhoods and see if there are any nearby. It's worth the effort!" • We have lost a beloved member of our class: "Jaycee Cole" or **Jane Ann Cole Miller** of Madison, Conn., and Milton, Vt., where she was buried. Jane Ann moved often in her childhood, daughter of a naval attaché, spending three years in London, where she educated herself before entering Middlebury. With a degree in political science from Midd, she worked in finance, primarily in insurance, becoming a fierce advocate for women, actively promoting the Equal Rights Amendment. She had leadership roles in the League of Women Voters and the AAUW. She was on the boards of the Scranton Memorial Library and the Woman's Seamans Friend Society. If that was not enough, she helped incorporate Middlesex Hospital and was active in the Connecticut chapter of the PEO. What a woman! She is survived by her two children and a stepdaughter, along with four grandchildren and one stepgrandchild. She was predeceased by her first husband, John Field, of the Middlebury Class of 1955. • I am restarting a blog, juliejotsbonjour.com. Short paragraph

in French, then in English. First one is *Balade a Paris Portant Une Echarpe* (Walking in Paris in Only a Scarf). Practice your French with me twice a week. French majors, you can correct my mistakes!

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55 **Alan Gould** wrote that his prep school, Vermont Academy, held a Zoom reunion for the 1950s classes and other alumni celebrants. During the course of the program, Alan read his poem, "Circles and Cycles," a reflection on the passage of time. Because it was so well received, Doctor Jennifer Zaccara, head of school, and staff members asked permission to include the poem as a lead-in for the upcoming issue of the alumni newsletter. • **Wally Beevers** writes, "My second book, *The Sins of Father Joe*, is out and has been well received. Unexpectedly, the quarantine has had a positive impact on me. It's given me time to finish my third book, *Trouble in Vieques*! I turned 88, had a stroke, finished rehab; now I can take up golf!" • From California **Everett MacAskill** reports, "China Lake Navy Base just opened the golf course a couple of weeks ago, so I can get a little exercise. (I still try to walk and carry the bag.) Other than that, this virus thing has not affected me much at all. I stay home anyway—don't have to be ordered to do that." • **Stuart Bowne** says, "My wife, Rebecca, and I escaped downtown Los Angeles and moved to Greenville, S.C., in July. Our new address is 200 Lucca Drive, 29609. Home phone is 864-631-1969 and I still do not have a cell! Our robust travel schedule, like most, is on hold. We moved across the U.S. in our Mercedes Sprinter Pleasure Way RV and have taken it on short trips to lakes nearby in the upstate foothills of the Smoky Mountains. Life is good, everything (restaurants, services, shops) open and active with social distancing and masks. Far pleasanter than LA. Nice to have a garden again!" • **Alden Lank** reports, "We have spent a lot of time in quarantine of late as have so many others. But it has been worthwhile as our retirement community of 1,400 people has had very few cases of the virus. Hope you are staying well." • **Bob Gallagher** writes, "We've been hunkering down at home since last March 14. We've done lots of walking, exploring many forest preserves in our area of upstate New York. I'm playing golf, keeping up with friends around the country with scheduled Zooming, FaceTime, cocktail hours, virtual breakfasts, etc., and reading. Stay safe and stay healthy." • **Tom Heller** says, "Housing on Long Island is in short supply as many NYC dwellers want to move here. I live alone and venture forth for food, haircuts, and occasional outside visits with family and friends. I went to church yesterday to the first inside meeting, all carefully socially distanced. Services are streamed so it's a bit like being on a movie set. Beyond that I sponsor a study and prayer group that meets weekly on Zoom. Trust all of us old-timers are doing well." • **Roy Craig** writes, "Having recently moved from New England to Boulder, Colo., I find myself thinking about having spent so many years in the East as I adjust to my new view of the West. The appreciation and wide Eastern grandeur of the ocean views, lake scenes, mountain colors, and historical sights reminds me of what adds to any visit in Boston. In my time in educational publishing, I spent significant time at all Boston academic sites. One that is open at no cost to anyone visiting Boston is the Glass Flowers. It can be easily checked out on any computer simply by typing in Harvard Univ., the Glass Flowers. Voila! Friends, if you want a little distance from the virus, take a look. A glass of wine nearby enhances your trip." • I'm sad to report that **John Fassnacht** died on July 24 and **Peter Markham** died on August 22. • Now for my update: First I want to say how much I appreciate all the kind words from you about serving as your class correspondent. I'm only 88 so I should be able to keep on in this post for the foreseeable future. My son Ian '79 is, as of a month or so ago, Ian A. Baker, PhD. He informed me that 88 is fortuitous. Why? The year is expressed as a double infinity sign. So best wishes to all of you 88ers out there! All I can ever say is "So far so good!" I have given two Zoom talks on my book(let) *The Case for Edward de Vere as the real William Shakespeare*. How many of you took Cubeta's Shakespeare and ever heard of the Shakespeare authorship question? Intriguing. Check it out. [**Ed. note:** Check out John's book on middleburymagazine.com under Editors' Picks for September and October.] I'm still hiking with my loyal Lab Cody and we still have our sailboat. Unfortunately we can't invite guests to join us for day sails. Best wishes to all in these difficult times. Sorry we weren't able to convene for our 65th Reunion. My warm wishes to all of you out there and keep up your notes and emails. **John**

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56 **REUNION CLASS** Ken Herrmann, **Sally Evens Herrmann**'s husband, sent us this news: "I am the bearer of the sad news that my dear wife and soulmate for 61 years passed on to a better life on July 24, 2020. She had developed spinal stenosis with lower body paralysis and progressive dementia the past several years. Sally had just celebrated her 86th birthday two weeks before her death. Those who knew Sally during and after her years at Middlebury should remember her ever-present smile, modesty—never one to boast or act out—and her generosity, care for others, and fulfillment in service to others. She loved reading and found her career as a school librarian an opportunity to instill her love of reading in her students." Sally is survived by her husband, Ken, three grown children (John, Alan, and Betsy) and four grandchildren (Sara, Daniel, Adele, and Megan). • **Pete Orvis** brings us up-to-date with their doings: "We moved to a Westminster CCRC in the World Golf Village in St. Augustine, Fla., and then I recovered from a sepsis infection, so I'm sort of staying out of the loop in many ways. I'm working my way back into society as the CCRC opens for visitors and relatives (eventually) and the dining room reopens. Otherwise it's TV, regaining some computer techniques, and wallowing in the comfort of my married nurse of 61 years—great care, CeCe!" • Woody Dunham, husband to **Marilyn Fish Dunham**, shares with us that Marilyn is now living in a care facility and that she is happy and joins in some group activities there. Woody and his son, Jon, visit Marilyn every day. The grandsons also visit when they can. Woody says that Marilyn particularly likes to receive mail—it makes her day! Her address is Marilyn Dunham, Horizons Living and Rehab Center, Room 111, 29 Maurice Drive, Brunswick, ME 04011. • **Peg Straus Patierno** writes, "The only thing I've done that was special was to take a trip in November 2019 to China and Japan with a stop in the Philippines. Glad I was able to do that before COVID. No plans for travel now. I'm wishing my classmates good health and safety." • **Fred Patterson** shares important aspects of his life post-Middlebury. "I left Middlebury in January 1955 because of failing grades and transferred to Lafayette College in Pennsylvania. I had been majoring in physics at Midd, but then switched my major to math and that worked out well in terms of my career. I saw the love of my life, Winnie, while attending sophomore stunt night at Radford College. (She performed and many from Virginia Tech, where I was doing graduate studies and teaching, made a lot of noise.) We married two years later. We have two grown children and two grandchildren. I wanted my ASP brothers at Midd to meet my beautiful wife, and so in 1966 I brought Winnie to the 10th Reunion. It was great to see my friends again! I also wanted Winnie to meet Ben Wissler and am glad that they met each other. After graduating from Lafayette I taught college and middle school, totaling 11 years. I then entered government service, first as a computer programmer at NOAA for 13 years and then as a statistician with the Naval Safety Center for 18 years, where I closed out my career. My work as a statistician was most enjoyable and rewarding for me, and I worked with great people, always a plus! Winnie and I have lived in Norfolk, Va., for 52 years. Eighteen years ago Winnie was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and is now in hospice at home. I would really like to attend the 65th Reunion in June but that is not likely. I'll be thinking of all of you as Midd has always held a special place in my memories." • **Betty Mitchell Munisoglu** shares her recent experiences. "First of all, I have decided to commit to returning for the Reunion when and if it is held. It has been a very long time since I visited New England, and I lived in southern Vermont while attending Midd. I do love

the state. I am still working fulltime as a court commissioner in the Los Angeles Superior Court. However I have used my annual vacation time, until 2020, to visit Turkey in conjunction with my annual assignment as a volunteer visiting professor through the Center for International Legal Studies (headquartered in Salzburg) at universities in various 'emerging' democracies in Eastern Europe. I simply tack on a week's R&R in Istanbul at the end of each assignment! To date I have had the great good fortune to lecture in Hungary, Romania, Bosnia, Turkey, and Ukraine. Last year I was to go to Albania (and then Turkey) in March. But the pandemic intervened and the Albanian universities were shut down and travel to Albania and Turkey was cancelled. If the pandemic allows, I hope to make it to Albania and Turkey in 2021. I am also active in the Los Angeles World Affairs Council and in October 2019, I traveled with a small group to Berlin-Budapest-Warsaw. There we had meetings with top U.S. diplomats and national leaders. Fascinating! May all of you stay strong and healthy." Note: We have asked Betty if she would like to lead a discussion at the Reunion about her work and experiences. She said she would be happy to do so if there is interest. • **Meme Parsons Salisbury** and her husband, Wright, have spent the better part of the year for several years in Paris. Here is what she wrote most recently. "We decided last March not to come back to the States for the summer because it would be too dangerous (and also France might not let us back in). Here there is direction from the national government and, of course, we've spent months more or less in confinement. We did get away for one weekend last summer, where we were with four other people, none of whom had been ill and all of whom had quarantined properly. Most of our time was spent outdoors and always distancing. Most activities take place online—Zoom meetings, rehearsals, etc. Church has resumed with a small number in person and four to six singers—all distanced and masked. The services are streamed on Facebook and YouTube (look up American Cathedral in Paris). My chorus's concerts in March were cancelled (we were just 10 days from the first performance when the total confinement began) and in June, and although we were having tiny 45-minute rehearsals just to sing together (masked) once a week in the fall, we aren't sure if we'll be able to do our concerts this March and June. The young folks aren't being nearly as careful as they ought, but now more testing is offered and I see long lines waiting in front of the laboratory across the street from us on certain days. They also have a problem getting the results really fast." • At **Lucy**'s suggestion, I (**Stan**) will report on how we fared when the fires came to southern Oregon in early September, destroying over 2,800 homes and 100 businesses in two small towns, Talent and Phoenix, just to the south of Medford, where we live in a retirement community. About 3:00 p.m. my wife and I went out onto our deck and were alarmed when we saw a huge, dark cloud of smoke seemingly coming in our direction. Simultaneously, we noticed that the electrical power was going off and on. A few minutes later an employee knocked on the door and told us that we had to evacuate immediately! At that point we could not open the garage, so our next door neighbor said, "Take our second car. We've been invited to my sister's in Bend and you're invited, too!" Then the power came on again and so we got our car out of the garage. Fifteen minutes later, having very hurriedly packed a suitcase and essentials, we followed our neighbor on a circuitous route out of town. The traffic was bunching up and moving very slowly, and, as we learned the next day, a half million Oregonians were on the road somewhere that night looking for a safe place to stay. Very few people were able to find rooms in motels. Some drove to the Oregon coast only to find nothing there as well. Some spent the night in a casino 100 miles to the north. Many others spent the night trying to sleep in their cars in the large County Expo parking lot. Still others went to the local country club. The management of our community made sure that the most in need amongst us, residents of the health center, assisted living, and the memory care center, were taken care of immediately. For the rest of us, we were basically on our own. The 960 residents in our CCRC were very lucky chiefly because the oncoming fire stopped a mile short of where we live. As for us personally, we stayed in Bend for five days, by which time the primary fire in southern Oregon had been fully contained. Still, many roads were still closed, including one that we traveled on five days earlier to go to Bend. We were relieved to be home and safe but greatly saddened by the loss of so many homes and small businesses and the consequences of the same to many of our neighbors." • Keep the news coming. Put the Reunion dates (June 11–13) on your calendar! Countdown to our 65th is 131 days from the first of February. Stay healthy and safe!

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Kathy Platt Potier sent this news: "Class of '57 friends have discovered a new way to stay connected, a biweekly Zoom visit. Friends who hadn't seen each other since our 60th Reunion or before have reconnected in cyberspace for a casual chat covering far-reaching subjects—from family news to COVID-coping strategies to book recommendations to reminiscences of college years. They've proved that a good laugh is as easy on Zoom as in person. Gathering round their tablets and laptops are **Julie French Campbell**, **Adrienne Littlewood DeLaney**, **Sabra Harwood Field**, **Priscilla Noble Grundy**, **Frankie Hall**, **Pete Howell**, **Ida Mae Johnson**, **Jane Ross Ludington**, **Hugh Marlow**, **Pat Judah Palmer**, **Kathy Potier**, **Pam Clark Reilly**, **Peggy Houck Smith**, and **Martha Johnson Wooldridge**." • **Ida Mae Johnson** was called by the son of **Mabel Hoyt MacDonald**, who told her his mother died earlier this year. Ida Mae writes, "A New York City girl, Mabel majored in home ec at Midd (yes!). She parlayed that into a successful candy business in Colorado Springs, Colo., which she eventually sold. Her log dream home was several miles up a mountain at 8,000 feet in a high alpine desert in Aspen. She attended the Aspen events regularly. Besides being a skier, Mabel was an avid anthropologist and traveler. She went around the southern tip of South America in an Australian tall ship, trekked to Mali to be part of a medical effort, made a couple of trips to Europe, and an attempt to imbed in and study a roaming Tuareg group was nixed by a government. A wonderful, adventurous spirit with a good business head, she seemed to achieve her dreams. Along the way, she married and had two fine sons. A life with no dream wasted. I had the pleasure of going with her to France and enjoying her delicious, zany sense of humor." • **Ida Mae** has volunteered to take over as the class correspondent. You can send news to her email below. We thank **Ken Farrar**, who is stepping down, for his willingness to serve as a correspondent over the past few years.

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Jane Spaeth Neumann reports that she is not retired (more about that another time) and shares with us this interesting information: "Evenings I read a bit in my father's journals, which he kept from the day he entered Haverford College in 1913 until shortly before his death in 1974. He enlisted in the Army after graduation and was stationed in Charlotte, N.C., for officer training. It must have been a wet summer because he describes canvas tents surrounded by mud. He also tells of waking one morning to find one of his tent mates dead on his cot. Since the young man also came from Philadelphia, my father was tasked with accompanying the casket back to Philadelphia for burial. Once there, the boy's mother requested that my father deliver the casket to the caretaker at the cemetery where the funeral would take place, which my father did. Since all the young men were away at war and the caretaker was fairly elderly, my father dug the grave, then went home to have dinner with his family and spend the night. The next morning he put on his uniform, went to the funeral to represent the U.S Army, and wound up being a pallbearer because there weren't enough men. Then he took a train back to Charlotte where he found that three more of his platoon had died in his absence. This was the beginning of the Spanish flu pandemic. All I can say is that my father must have had an amazing immune system! Philadelphia became a huge hot spot, like NYC was at the beginning of COVID-19. I knew he had been in the Army, but the whole flu pandemic

was a revelation." Fascinating story especially given what's going on today, healthwise. • **Deb West Zipf** shares some very poignant feelings for **Linda Durfee Dean,** who died July 20, 2020. "Solid as the mountains that ring the campus, my friendship with **Durf** has held for 60 years. From the day we made a home of our senior-year suite in Forest East, where we decorated our living room wall with the genuine fishnet she had brought us from Mattapoisett, we shared a love of literature, the College, and our Middlebury-woman views of life. Durf's life followed a comfortable pattern, mine much less so. Life brought us both ups and downs as life will do. Our angles of vision diverged but the bedrock of our regard for each other never shifted. She stood by even when she truly did not agree; one could ask no greater charity of a friend. I am grateful for our last visit together in Mattapoisett before her illness. Her death leaves such an emptiness in my heart." Beautifully said, Deb. • **Barbara Widenor Maggs** tells us of the many years of friendship she shared with **Carolyn Hanson Faulhaber,** who died on June 29, 2020: "Cookie, as she was known in her younger days, and I met early on when we were freshmen, and we had a great time as roommates during our senior year. We stayed in touch after graduation. Faithful to her specialization at Middlebury, Cookie became a high school science teacher. In addition, as environmental concerns developed everywhere, she put her scientific background to work, taking part in a community project to solve a waterway problem in her city. Cookie, who eventually became Carolyn, remained a faithful friend. I was honored by her presence at our younger son's wedding almost 40 years after she and I first met! I will remember her fondly." Thanks, Barbara, for a heartwarming tribute. • **Mary Daniels Jones** tells of her dear friend and roommate at Middlebury sophomore, junior, and senior years, **Nancy Dwyer Lenz**, who passed away June 17, 2020. "Nancy was a fun-loving, attractive, and dear friend who, with her Needham, Mass., family, allowed me to live with them after graduation while I worked in Boston and searched for an affordable apartment. In November 1958, she married **Gerry Lenz**, and together they raised three boys: Brian '83, David, and Rick. Gerry's job took him and his family to many cities in the U.S., and at one point, they were living in New England (Brookfield, Conn.), about 10 miles from my husband and me, which gave us many opportunities to spend time together. Nancy was a devoted mother and fan of her sports-driven boys, a volunteer in local activities, an avid gardener, and a super tennis player. In 1985, Nancy obtained an MS degree in psychology from George Williams College. She then embarked on a long and rewarding career as a counseling psychologist for Lutheran Social Services." She truly is missed. • We are sad to tell of the death of another classmate, **Jock Glidden,** who passed away July 29, 2020, at his home in Ogden, Utah, after struggling with Parkinson's disease. Jock was raised in New Canaan,

1 Barbara Wilkinson '12 and Nolan Maier '12 were married on September 28, 2019, near their home in Boston, Mass. The ceremony was officiated by Sara Cohen '12 and attended by many other dear Middlebury friends: (all '12 unless noted) Max Friedman, Matt George '13, Ben Pruitt, Dana Callahan '13, Dana Walters, Tim Fields, the newlyweds, Michael Polebaum, Sara Cohen, Matt Kingsbury, Sophia Perlman, Kathryn Nagel, Sarah Harney, Dan Shaw, Nadia Schreiber, and Divya Dethier. 2 Emily Powell '07 married Kevin Gillam on September 21, 2019, at Tohono Chul in Tucson, Ariz., with friends and family present: (all '07 unless noted) Jess Cox Coulter, Connie Souder, the newlyweds, and Robert Powell '69 (Emily's father). 3 Medical resident Elizabeth Nuttall Westling '12 had the opportunity to study in a clinic in Soldotna, Alaska, where she worked with Dr. John Bramante '85 and discovered he was a Midd alum: John and Elizabeth.

4 At a small beachside ceremony on Kiawah Island, S.C., Mary Jenks '64 married Ed Naylor '63 on October 12, 2019. The celebration was shared with friends and family: Bob Clarke '63, best man, the newlyweds, Nancy Jenks Redkey '62, sister of the bride, and John Iacovino '63, Deke poem presenter. 5 Friends from 1982 met for their annual Midd Boys trip and took a photo at Ebenezer's Restaurant and Pub in Lovell, Maine: John Steinecke, John Fairbanks, Tex Elkin, Jon Anderson, and Curt Ehler (who sadly passed away this past August 18).

Conn., until his early teens, when his family purchased a cattle ranch near the Verde River in Arizona. He attended the Putney School, Middlebury, and the University of Edinburgh in Scotland, earning his master's in philosophy in 1963, and his PhD in philosophy from the University of Colorado, Boulder, in 1969. He taught philosophy at Weber State for 29 years, retiring in 1998. He almost never drove to work, preferring a bicycle, or cross-country skis. He was an accomplished mountaineer, having climbed peaks all over the world. He was a dedicated environmentalist, and he helped found the Ogden Group of the Sierra Club. He spent a "Semester at Sea," lecturing on the ship and using port visits as impromptu field trips. He wrote and published an autobiography. He brewed beer, grew wine grapes, and loved apple trees. All we can say is "what a life!" • Many of you may remember **Jon Rieger.** He was with us for freshman year and then went on to Miami Univ. in Ohio. Jon passed away July 16, 2020, at his home in Louisville, Ken. Following Naval ROTC at Miami Univ., Jon served 24 years of active reserve duty and retired with the rank of full captain. His teaching career began at Michigan State Univ. and continued at the Univ. of Louisville for nearly 50 years. Jon's wide-ranging passions included sailing, camping, classical and contemporary music, ballet, bodybuilding, photography, trap shooting, and civil rights. Another notable life. • Another wonderful and loyal classmate who has left us is **Janet von Wettberg Cowles**, who died September 25, 2020, only four months after the death of her husband, **Ted**. Jan grew up in Wilmington, Del., and graduated from Mount Pleasant High School. After Middlebury, she earned her MAT from Radcliffe College in 1959. A year later, she married Ted, and they raised their family in Simsbury, Conn. She worked as a high school guidance counselor and was an active member of St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Simsbury for over 50 years, teaching Sunday School for young adults and leading outreach efforts. She tutored English as a second language to many, and she also enjoyed knitting, spending time with her grandchildren, and being at Lake Winnipesaukee in New Hampshire. Jan will be sorely missed.

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Mimi Hancock Siegle writes, "This 'new normal' has turned life upside down! We usually spend half of the year in California, and the other half in an old stone farmhouse in Southbury, Conn. With three grandchildren on each coast, it is delightful to share time with them now that we are retired. A recent highlight was helping organize a 1K/5K/10K virtual race for a Haitian school we support. There were runners from eight states—a great virtual fundraiser. Our youngest son was a visiting art lecturer at Dartmouth during COVID. Lots of positive happenings have kept us all moving forward, as we count our blessings. We trust everyone is well and would welcome any distanced visits." • **Judy Webster Bauer** and husband Dale continue to do well in Seattle. Exercising outside became difficult in the fall with the smoky air conditions due to the wildfires on the West Coast so they walked laps inside their house. • **Barb Freeman Irving** says, "This is certainly a frustrating period, especially for participant vs. audience types. I especially miss my 200-voice singing group. We've kayaked at a nearby lake, discovered local hiking trails, scootered, and gardened. We were fortunate to have just returned from 10 days in Grand Cayman Island before the COVID thing took over. We are, thankfully, staying well, or as well as age 83 lets us be!" • **Ailene Kane Rogers** continues to enjoy living in Atlanta with her daughter and son-in-law. She says the climate agrees with her. Her grandson Alec graduated from Middlebury as a Feb and wants to go to medical school. Her grandson Joshua works for Amazon in Seattle. She says, "Helen and Joel are helping me with a new life and I have met several nice young people. It gives me hope that we will survive this challenging time. My new phone number is 631-923-8905 and address is 647 Valley Green Drive NE, Atlanta, GA 30342." • **Granthia Lavery Preston** writes, "All is well with Buzz and me. As I may have written earlier, we each lost our spouse on the same day, October 3, 2014, and, after almost five years of close friendship, we were married in April 2019. We live at Kendal at Hanover, a CCRC, which has had strict virus regulations since last March. The good news: no COVID cases with our 400 residents. Among those residents is classmate **Anne Martin Hartmann** and close friend Sabra Harwood Field '57. Last summer I lived in a bubble with my daughter and her family in a camp on the lake in northern New Hampshire. We went nowhere and saw no one; my daughter ordered all food online. We enjoyed being grandparents to Adeline (5) and Preston (7), giving swimming lessons, reading Harry Potter and Winnie the Pooh, and exploring the natural world. Granddaughter Sierra applied early decision to Middlebury, although she has never seen the campus. Most college tours were canceled because of COVID. If she is admitted, she will be the fifth generation: my grandfather was in the Class of 1890 and both her parents went to Middlebury. Midd is doing amazing things for young people. We all should be proud." • **Dick Krasker** reports that seeing their family for Thanksgiving required they get a negative COVID test 10 days prior to their visit. That allowed their family to come inside their home so they could enjoy time together. • **Dave Harpp** has retreated to very rural New Brunswick, Canada, since March, where he conducts his instruction to his college students virtually. He has returned to Montreal only once. New Brunswick is relatively safe and had only three active cases in October and only two deaths in the province. • Pat and **Fred Swan** spent a week on Nantucket Island with several family members, spending time surf casting for bluefish but more often hauling in beach grass. He avoided catching the seals riding the high waves. His international travels have ceased for the time being, but he and Pat still do a lot of hiking on local forest trails. • **Ren Curry** avoided COVID issues but not the California fires. He and his wife live in Santa Cruz, 60 miles south of San Francisco. "Our home is in a mobile home park on the ocean, surrounded by Brussels sprouts fields, so no fire worries, right? There was a fire eight miles away in the Santa Cruz Mountains and the first clue was ashes and scorched leaves in our driveway. The fire kept growing and coming our way and an evacuation order was posted. The fire came within 200 yards of our home. We gathered our important papers, safety box keys, etc., and were ready to go, but the firemen kept it at bay." • **Bill Wemmerus** and his wife are both well, but, my, have plans changed. "Instead of a 1,600-mile road trip to visit our grandkids in Colorado, we take a one-mile daily trip to our mail station. Who would have thought that would be our daily high! Fraternity brothers canceled our annual summer fraternity reunion so we did not get to see class regulars **Frank Simon**, **Sherwood Smith**, and **Avery Tillinghast**. We have been able to get together with friends to play folk and Irish music, mostly outdoors, and always socially distanced." • **Andy Montgomery** is disappointed in having to break an 80-year stretch of visiting his Ontario, Canada, family residence every summer as homeowners were not considered essential travelers. The ban started March 21 and was still not lifted as of November 21. • **John Medici** had an article in the November/December issue of *Rocks & Minerals* magazine, which had a fluorite/pyrite (he calls it a petite TV) that he collected on the cover. He sent an update about his land: "The state FSA ag people required too much work to maintain the four fields I had in conservation for 16 years so I returned them to production; the tenant farmer was happy to add them to the 34 acres he was already tilling. The fall months were exceptionally busy with two major mineral finds, trees blown down, fruit and nut ripening, collecting, and processing, and some landscaping changes in two fields. Regarding fruit and nuts, squirrels eliminate pears and hazelnuts way before ripening for the immature seeds, and as soon as fruit drops, raccoons climb the trees and rip branches off to get at fruit. We placed metal wraps around some 15 pear and peach trees to foil these animals—it worked pretty well this year. We actually have more pears and pawpaws (about 50 trees, randomly placed; about 15 producing) than we and the animals can eat, so metal wraps are for tree protection mainly. I replaced a chain saw (an old one that fell in a stream while removing a log jam) and a cement/rock gas-operated diamond circular saw, 30 years old; a bolt dislodged and I saw the saw go rolling across the lawn

while trimming a rock. That saw had cut thousands of rocks and extracted several crystal pockets. Since my next door neighbor had a muzzle-loader pellet come through the center of his front door last year, I replaced all the no trespassing signs around my property that, during the past four years, have been ripped off by hunters and other trespassers. Wind won't 'blow the signs down' either! Tilling the former conservation fields will reduce hiding places too."

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Penny and **Art Myles** wrote, "2020 was not the year to get everything you want. 2020 was the year to appreciate everything you have." Throughout the lockdown they looked at their home in Hingham, Mass., with new eyes. Art added that it was a godsend to have a yard and garden to work on, friendly neighbors to turn to, and a home that was safe and comfortable. • **Jim Barnes**, in Glenwood Springs, Colo., has collected model trains for years and subscribes to railroad magazines. He reported that the Middlebury tunnel project was national news published in *Railfan* magazine. • Chris and **Cal Schmeichel** closed their B&B in Saranac Lake, N.Y., because of the pandemic. In July 2020 they turned it over to their daughter, Lisa '85. Cal added: "Life in the Adirondacks is slow but we have great views and a comfortable house." Cal is in contact with **Ike Krasts** and **Ed Wilkinson** and reported that they are doing as well as can be expected at our age. • **Herb Foster**, in Waterville, Maine, was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in February 2020. Seven months of chemo and radiation failed to make the tumor operable. He is undergoing treatment that will enable him to live another year or so. He wrote that he feels pretty good and is fairly active. He continued, saying you can't believe how news like this gives you the incentive to finish all those projects you've been putting off for years. He has organized his family memorabilia, filling a foot locker. Over the years, Herb created a book for each grandchild, filled with genealogical info, including pictures and background history of his ancestors. He is most thankful for living in a "bubble of two" with Nancy, his wife of 48 years. • Joyce and **Bob Millett** enjoyed a virtual and actual family Thanksgiving dinner with many of their children and grandchildren who live in or near Waunakee, Wis. They came to Bob and Joyce's condo at 12:30 to quickly fill takeout containers with the turkey Joyce cooked and Bob carved, plus all the vegetables, breads, desserts, and other trimmings that they provided and brought to share. • From Bedford, Mass., Dave and **Helen Smith Folweiler-Chipman** admit to and are happy to announce they became great-grandparents in 2020. Another highlight of their year was a visit with Dave's nephew, John, who lives in Dave's old house by the water in South Dartmouth, Mass. John gave Dave a ride in the *Newt*, an old sailing dinghy that belonged to Dave's dad, in which Dave learned to sail in the 1930s. John is the present caretaker of the *Newt*, so named because newts live in both water and on land. • During the pandemic **Judy Neese Woods** and husband Bob have stayed close to home, have tried to be patient, and have been grateful for what they have. Judy wrote that she has to remind herself periodically to be patient. She was looking to have her second knee replacement. Then Bob will get a new hip. • **Nancy Mumford Mulvey**, in Andover, Mass., remarked, "I've gotten used to seeing all my relatives, friends, bookies, and exercisers in little boxes from all the Zooming. Remember the old Pete Seeger song, 'Little boxes, little boxes, little boxes all the same....'?" • From Grand Rapids, Mich., **Don Chaffee** says he is an exercise junkie, is married to one, and needs no incentives to bike and run. Don sees himself as a candidate for Class of 1960 late bloomer. His three children are all in their 30s. His three grandchildren range from three years to the most recent, who is just a few months old. Another is due in May 2021. He asked, "Any other contenders for that throne?" • Holiday e-cards came from **John Turner** in California, Claire and **Rick Ayer** in Morocco, and Amy and **Mike Robinson** in Massachusetts. • **David** and **Susan Goodwin Hopkins** moved last year from their longtime home in Townsend, Mass., to Niantic, Conn., where they have a happy, lucky, perfect small home near family. They are coping diligently with COVID and worried about their family. Sue added, "We are thankful for the togetherness our firepit provided in the good weather—even for Thanksgiving and Christmas—pretty special!" They have gotten together with **Breck** and **Sue Hibbert Lardner** out in the sunshine. • In January 2020, Victoria and **Jim Irwin** moved to San Francisco's Potrero Hill, renting from a good friend. It was meant to be temporary, but then they were locked down and they are still there. He wrote that actually they love the neighborhood and find the many hills provide them with a mean workout. • Tony '59 and **Jane Collins Garcia** moved back to Montana. **Phyllis Farrington Howard** moved to Maine. **Tim Smith** has a new address in Colorado. And **Sally Giguere Giglio** has a new winter address in Florida. For contact information, please contact one of your class correspondents, Mumf, Vcevy, or Jean. • We are sorry to report the loss of classmates. **Jane Willey Whiteside** died in October 2020 in Columbia, S.C. She was an Am lit major and member of Kappa Kappa Gamma. She was a four-year member of the Women's Forum and the Christian Assoc. Her sorority sisters remember her well. **Susan Yates Johnston** recalls sitting next to her during Am lit exams. "Jane was such a fast writer in those blue books that it drove me crazy as I was still trying to formulate my thoughts!" **Sue Hopkins** noted she was "bubbly energy in a wee package." **Sally Giglio** shared her memories of Janie as "a cute, perky, upbeat friend to everyone, who always looked on the bright side of things." • **John Coombs**, most recently of Rochester, N.Y., died in January 2021 from COVID-19. His mother, Miriam Sweet Coombs, was a member of the Class of 1928. John worked and lived for many years in Macon, Ga. He was a sociology major and member of Zeta Psi. He worked on the *Campus* and WRMC in both junior and senior years, worked on Junior Weekend, and played intramural sports for four years. His ashes will be laid to rest in the New North Cemetery in Woodbury, Conn., where John worked as a groundskeeper in his teenage years. • **Thayer "Terry" Talcott** of Morristown, N.J., passed away in September 2020. He was an American history major and member of ASP. He worked on Kaleidoscope for four years and was business manager as a senior. Sophomore year he was on the Class Council and wrote for the *Campus*. For most of his college career, Terry was a member of the Yacht Club and played intramurals. **Cal Schmeichel**, the late **John Roesler**, and Terry were freshman roommates in Hepburn 506. Cal remembers hockey games in the hall. He added that they built a pyramid of beer cans in their window and had to remove them during Parents Weekend by order of "Ma Kelly." Slug brother **Larry Howell** remembers Terry as a kind "gentle giant." **Lee Farnham** wrote that his Slug brother was nicknamed Bear. "He must've been six-foot-three approx., and 250 pounds." **Herb Foster** has memories of playing bridge with Terry at ASP during lunch break. Herb seldom saw him socially on campus because Terry was fishing every chance he got. Herb added, "Oddly, I saw quite a bit of him after we graduated, because we ended up in basic training together. Orange, N.J., was a lot closer to Fort Dix than Belgrade Lakes, Maine." Cal, Lee, Larry, and Herb all regretted not keeping in touch with classmates. Don't let that happen to you.

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REUNION CLASS To start off this column, **Scott Hendrickson** has a "true confession" and it's one we want to hear. He deserves to be quoted in full, so here goes: "This is a blast from the past. I have not contributed to class notes in the past, always telling myself that I will do it later. Well, it's later. The good news is that I am still working. The bad news is that I am still working when all my classmates still above ground are enjoying retirement. I am the student services coordinator at the Winter Sports School in Park City, Utah. We are a public charter high school servicing elite winter athletes who attend school from April until November and then are free to attend their sports competitions

around the world during the winter. I became aware of the school when my granddaughter attended during her last two years of high school after having to spend too much of the school year competing internationally as a member of the U.S. Olympic Team. Her brother, also a Nordic combined competitor, was expelled from Park City High for missing too many required school days to receive credit for his classes, even though he was representing the U.S. and receiving A's. Don't get me started on how we support our Olympic athletes. This year marks my 50th year teaching. It only took 43 years to find my dream job, teaching in the summer and off in the winter to ski. Until last winter, I instructed skiing at Deer Valley (Utah) and life was as good as it gets. COVID killed the season and this year is still questionable. Granddaughter Sarah is still a member of the U.S. Women's Ski Jumping Team, hoping for another Olympics in 2022, while her brother, Nick, is coaching the U.S. Nordic Combined Team. Please support USA Nordic if you get a chance. I currently live in Park City, close to my oldest children and grandchildren. Youngest son Kevin lives in Steamboat Springs, Colo., and competes in Masters races, crossing paths with classmate **Lee Kaufman**. I wish everyone health and happiness during this hectic time." • Speaking of **Lee Kaufman**, he's one of our more regular contributors and it's always fun to hear about his latest hunting, fishing, and skiing adventures. Despite COVID-19, Lee has followed the "protocols" and struggled with golf, and continued to shoot clay targets and fly-fish in Montana. According to Lee, "One awesome result of the Bug is that my oldest daughter, Jennifer '92, is a commercial loan banker and has been authorized to work from home." She has returned to Montana, rented a place, works from there, and thus dad and daughter go to the Flathead Lake together, fish and hunt together, and have a great time. Lee's two younger daughters, Julie '94 and Jody '97.5, also graduated from Middlebury. They all hope to go to Park City to ski this winter or head to their second home in Colorado. • **Jane Werner Bonnesen** says what most of us have probably been thinking: "How little we knew we'd be spending our 'golden' years in such a quarantine." Jane was not looking forward to colder weather because going out and working in the yard was a good respite for her. • **Dan** and **Susan Andrews Sokoloski** moved to their townhouse in Mount Pleasant, S.C., in July 2019 to be closer to their son Greg and his family. They haven't had relatives nearby before and are really enjoying it. Susan says they also love the Charleston area. Having moved from Virginia to North Carolina to South Carolina, they've gradually become Southerners and would love to have Middlebury visitors when it is safe to travel and congregate. They are coping with the pandemic but miss their regular life. "We postponed our trip to Holland and Belgium from this April until next April. Hope it will be possible then! We have read many books, played Bridgebase online, done quite a few puzzles, and taken two short trips." One trip was to Sapphire, N.C., where they hiked, fished, golfed, and saw friends at restaurants with outdoor seating. They also went to Bristol, Va., with Dan's fly-fishing club. They fished the Watauga River in Tennessee and dined outdoors. Susan added that "it seemed almost normal." Dan and Susan have been working on their artistic skills, she with oil painting and he with pottery. They were just learning about the art community in Mount Pleasant when things shut down. • By the time you read this, we might know if we are going to have an "in-person" or a "virtual" 60th Reunion. Whichever it is, it promises to be another memorable event, so plan on "attending."

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Jim Warburton describes life in Spain during COVID: "Everything is very tranquil here. The village is in shutdown, which means no leaving Gaucín without a *permiso*, and restaurants are at 50 percent and must shut by 6:00 p.m. Also, we have a curfew; we must be in our homes from 10:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. The only way it has changed things for me is that last week I had a dinner invitation for 6:00 p.m. (normally it would be for 8:30 or 9:00) and we fled through the streets at 9:50 to beat the curfew. Sigh! Actually, that's not much of a bother considering what others are having to do. The ones I feel sorry for are the owners and workers in the bars and restaurants. I don't know what Gaucín will be like if some of them go bankrupt. Right now it's pouring rain with a cold wind behind it. It's a good day for me to start reading Obama's new biography. It's a tome, well over 700 pages, so it should keep me busy for a while. Our book club has suspended our meetings until the travel bans and group limits are lifted. I went to the health clinic yesterday and I was the only patient there. For the size of the village (1,600), the sudden increase in patients is significant. There are over 30 new cases; luckily, none are in the hospital. I would really like to travel some, even within Spain. Unfortunately, the dollar is now down almost 25 percent, including bank fees. So no trips, even if the virus allowed it. (Right now, since we have to have written permission even to leave the village, that means no shopping on the coast or at the large supermarkets there.) As for me, I'm fine. I have doctor appointments to get my sugar level down, yet I continue to eat ice cream, pasta, and pastries. The cats (12) are fine. One dog is 15 and not doing that well. Still, he seems happy and alert so no crisis yet. The other dog is big and fat and in love with the world. The garden is fine. This morning I was out trimming back the roses. There are flowers all over the house." • Sadly, **Josephine Rhodes Bahn** died in November. **Kathy McKinley Harris** sent these memories of her friend: "Jo was from Atlanta, Ga., and freshman year she was on the same second floor hall where my roommate and I had a room. We became close friends and roomed together sophomore year. Girls in our class came from all over the U.S., but it was unusual to hear Jo's Southern accent because most of the College's population at that time came from the Northeast. Jo's ancestors had been antebellum governors in Georgia. More than once I heard her say the only thing she wanted as a wedding gift was a piece of the family silver that was thrown down a well to preserve it when Sherman marched through Georgia during the Civil War. (She and **David Bahn** were given the silver when they married.) She was determined to go to school in Vermont after she read a children's novel set in Vermont. Freshman year there was only one phone for our hall at the end of a long corridor. Every time Jo talked on the phone to her Southern family, her Southern accent turned thick. I asked Jo about this, and she said people who retained a deep Southern accent in the North chose to cultivate it. I'm sure Jo's accent when she was on the phone was exaggerated because she was conversing with her Southern family members. Freshman fall, Jo's parents drove from Atlanta. Jo invited her friends to a football game, followed by a tailgate barbecue her parents hosted, a first for me. Jo encountered her first snow of her life that winter. How she smiled as snowflakes hit her face. Jo became a history major. In fact, senior year her grades were Dean's List quality. This was an astonishing achievement on her part, because she was legally blind. She 'read' as many books as possible through Talking Books and physically read the rest of the assignments by holding books close to her eyes. Her professors clearly thought her an outstanding student. Later, while planning her practice teaching, she and I talked about a novel she might use with a teenage class. I suggested *Uncle Tom's Cabin* because I had learned that not only was it a novel with great influence but when it was turned into a play, it was performed worldwide. Jo taught it in her class. I never thought then of the implications of suggesting that title to Jo, daughter of the Deep South. It took independence of spirit for her to teach that book, an independence she always exemplified."

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Larry Ring reports: Life is good for **Bill Fox** in Northridge, Calif. How many classmates have great-grandchildren? Bill and Joyce have one, a lovely baby girl who joins their eight grandchildren. Although Bill had to close his hot dog business due to COVID, Joyce continues on as a facilitator for a nonprofit that works with families raising children that are not their own. • It was great to hear from old high school classmate **Fred Brink**. After Middlebury, Fred went to the Rhode Island School of Design, which prepped him for his successful media

exhibit design and production business with museums. Fred and Elise moved into a 1686 house in Marblehead, Mass., nine years ago. He retired in 2012 and is having fun with old photos and personal movies as he wades through 50 years of memories and stuff. Their son lives in nearby Milton, which is fun for everyone. • **Jim** (a.k.a. **Cozy**) **Cole** reports from Denver that he and Peggy have been busy binge-watching detective shows and are now into the complete works of Shakespeare on BBC/BritBox, which sounds more than appropriate for two retired college professors. An avid cyclist, Cozy bought a new bike recently and threatens to ride to Middlebury for our next Reunion. • **Todd Freeman** lives a very active life, which includes competing in the Sports Car Club of America events in his Honda Civic Capital SI. Try his Facebook page to catch some great action photos. COVID caused Todd to leave Florida quickly to return home to Minnesota for knee surgery. You have to admire anyone our age competing nationally, particularly when it involves driving a sports car. • **Louise Hurt Frankenberg** is beating the COVID blues from her lake cottage close to Tanglewood in the Berkshires. Online OLLI classes and online Tanglewood recitals, FaceTime vocal lessons, kayaking, swimming, and taking a car trip to visit her daughter and son-in-law in Maine filled her life last summer. She cannot wait to see her daughter in Baltimore and go on their "girl trips" again and hopes to get back to it soon. Louise misses their real hugs but is working hard on mastering virtual hugging. • **Rex Brown** and wife Sharon lost a good friend to COVID so understandably they are playing it very safe in Denver. A grandson picked up their spirits with double ZOOM graduations from Bard and Columbia. Sharon paints every day and is selling her work, even though their gallery has been closed for months. Rex recommends that we all read Rebecca Solnit's *Hope in the Dark* during these difficult times. Middlebury's Bill McKibben recommends it too. • And **Ken Delmar** wins the "Class of 1963 Busiest and Most Productive during COVID-19 Award"! Ken wrote a detailed report on what he has been doing in his letter, which follows: "COVID-19 didn't bother us much, since I spend most of my waking hours writing or painting, both solitary disciplines. My wife, Ulli, reads books in her spare time, another solitary pursuit. Or, she plays word games on her Kindle to keep her mind from turning to clam chowder. Mine has already turned, but it's okay because I love clam chowder. We recently put our house on the market, after dressing it for success for one solid year. I painted the entire interior grey, as beige is out, out, out, and now you MUST have grey. A friend and I installed crown moldings in four rooms. That was one helluva carpentry challenge. I was lucky to talk about my crown molding plans with **Henry 'Tiff' Tiffany**, and he informed me about a molding jig from Kreg, which simplifies the very complicated measuring and cutting. Then I repaired and updated sheetrock, sanded and painted window sills, worked on the brick patio, the pool coping, landscaping, installed new oak basement stairs, installed a carpet and fixed the water closet in the basement bathroom, washed windows, rehung the big front door, sorted and gave away or threw out a ton of stuff, etc., etc. Exhausted, we listed the house (my daughter, Alex, is the listing agent), and after some time, got a decent offer. We have just come to an agreement and have sent the binder to the buyers. Our current plan is to move to Delaware, where we don't know a soul, but Ulli finds the LOW taxes too tempting to resist. And we are planning on also buying a small place or condo in Maine or Vermont for a summer venue. We have about a dozen friends living in or around Portland, Maine. Ulli is drawn to Brunswick, about 20 minutes away. Bowdoin College is there, a mini-Middlebury. We are all healthy and full of energy and enthusiasm about our new chapter. I do have osteo-arthritis, bad, but I work hard to stay flexible and keep using things. I just get tired sooner. Keep thinking I'm 50. Or 35. I've gotta stop doing that. Just published a new book: *No Fall Zone, Fall Prevention, and How to Fall If You Do*, available in paperback, ebook, or audiobook. It's cheaper than a beer in ebook. Tell your senior friends about it and urge them to buy it. You may save a life!" If you go to middleburymagazine.com and click on Review and Editors' Picks for January/February, you can read about Ken's book *Winning Moves: Body Language for Business.* • **Chuck** and **Sue Handy Burdick** sold their home in Middlebury and have returned to Exeter, N.H., where they used to live. Always ahead of the pack, their new home is in a CCRC community, RiverWoods. Their son Tim and his family live much closer in Hanover, N.H., which makes the move even more special.

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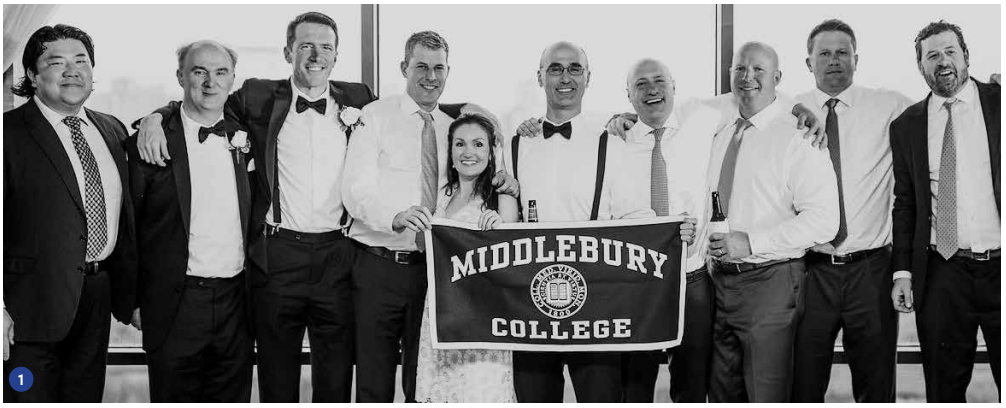
Correspondent **Dori Ells Jurgenson** reports: For the second issue in a row, we begin with good news! **Mary Jenks Kraaij** sent word of her marriage to Ed Naylor '63. She writes the story: "Ed and Mary met and dated when at Middlebury. Then Ed was off to Chile (Peace Corps) and Utah (graduate school), and Mary was off to New York (nursing school), Seattle, and then Liberia, West Africa. Subsequently, they both married others, raised families, and progressed in their careers, Ed in academic and clinical biochemical genetics and Mary in nursing, teaching, and administration. Then came the 50th Middlebury Reunion of the Class of 1964 and more life changes. Very happily, on October 12, 2019, at a small beachside ceremony on Kiawah Island, S.C., Mary and Ed married." She sent this note, coincidentally, the day before their first anniversary. I sent back best wishes and am sure we all wish them many happy years ahead. See a photo on page 65. • **Pam Nottage Mueller** writes that they had just moved into their Durham, N.H., retirement community in February and were spending a weekend skiing with family at Mt. Cranmore when the pandemic shutdown happened. She writes, "One day the mountain was open; the next day it closed, and we made the decision to ride out the storm there with our son and his family. Little did we know that weeks would stretch into months, that we would share our lives with their young and active family of four for 10 weeks, with remote learning for first and third graders consuming a large part of our lives. BUT being there afforded us special time with our granddaughters, as together we discovered beautiful parts of the White Mountains that we had overlooked in a previous and far more harried life. Strange how adversity can bring with it opportunity if only we choose to pursue it." She says after spending the summer at the lake, they are now firmly settled into their new lives as residents of RiverWoods Durham. It's a lovely spot—a small university town filled with life, albeit COVID style. Reminds her a lot of Middlebury. • Everyone has COVID-19 stories, no doubt! **Jean Blanchette St. Clair** says that while they have been careful, not going out or seeing family, they have two granddaughters in college—one in a house with six other girls and they all got the virus, the other in a dorm with four suitemates, one of whom got the virus. All were quarantined in a motel where two more got the virus, though not her granddaughter, but quarantine was so unpleasant they are all now really careful! She says she and her husband have plenty to do, some renovations and work in their gardens, so are never bored. • And, **Karin Ryding** writes, "Victor and I have been self-isolating since March, especially since I have leukemia now and have to be careful. I've not been idle, though. I have a book forthcoming from Cambridge University Press, with the exciting title, *The Cambridge Handbook of Arabic Linguistics*, coedited with my colleague David Wilmsen. And a long-standing project of mine, combining science fiction and Arabic linguistics, has resulted in a chapter entitled 'The Arabic of "Dune": Language and Landscape,' in a book forthcoming from John Benjamins Press called *Language in Place*. So isolation is good for some things like research and writing. Sending you and all classmates many good wishes." • I'll add that Jim and I (**Dori**) have also found plenty to do here in the country. I retired in May and though I miss teaching and students, I can't say I am sorry not to be involved in the current chaos. Our son, Mark, who spent several years singing in Europe, decided to come back and pursue a teaching certificate last year. He intended to return in May to Italy and his girlfriend, who is working on a grant there, but of course has been trapped in this country. Difficult for him, but it has been nice for us to have him here these months. He is now teaching in Texas, which apparently



1 Matt Burwell '98 and Dessi Slavtcheva were married on June 8, 2019, at St. Mary's Church in Brookline, Mass., with a reception at the Hyatt Regency in Cambridge. Friends who attended included (all '98 unless noted) Mike Szymanski, Steve Burwell '93, Dave Frye, Tim Bianchi '95, the newlyweds, Mike Cormier '99, Mark Edgarton '99, Greg Poulos, and Sean Bianchi. 2 Sheltering in place motivated 1996 Middlebury friends Courtney Marsh, Christy Thomsen Covalesky, Tracy Varghese McGeehan, Susie Van Buren, Lisa Caruso Wesner, Laurel Cox, and John Goyert to have a virtual happy hour in March 2020 from the comfort of their homes in Boston, the Bay Area, D.C., Philadelphia, Providence, and Portland, Maine. 3 Tricia Nelsen '19 and Harper Baldwin '19 are housemates in Fairbanks, Alaska, where they live in a dry cabin with their two former sled dogs.

4 Friends from the Class of 1977 had a mini-reunion at the home of Debbie and Franklin Morton for Morton's March Madness before COVID put a stop to get-togethers: Franklin, Sheryl Bicknell Kovalik, Keith Michl, Janet Swanson Webster, Frank Sesno, (second row) Betsy Seeley, Bob Lindberg, Denise Schlener, Anne Van Ingen, and Kathy Sanderson. 5 While spending time in Connecticut, Kimberly Winick '80 was able to visit with friends, including Pam Roller Richardson '80: Pam and Kimberly.

has its own brand of COVID chaos, at least where he is. Stay safe, everyone—I suppose, as they say, "this too shall pass!" • And finally, with sadness we report the death of another classmate, **Raynelle Stuart Kuckel**, who passed away May 22, 2020. Raynelle was born in Bisbee, Ariz., June 12, 1942, and later attended high school in Garden City, N.Y., before Middlebury. After college, she worked at CIGNA in Connecticut as an insurance executive, and in 1968 she married CIGNA colleague Ben Kuckel. In 1998, she and Ben moved to Colorado Springs to be closer to family. Raynelle quickly became part of the new community, volunteering with Manitou Art Center, and serving on several local boards. She sang in the Manitou Community Church Choir and became a master gardener. Together she and Ben traveled the world and supported arts and education during their devoted 52-year marriage. • Correspondent **Bob Baskin** reports: "We hope everyone is staying safe, is healthy, and has gotten the vaccine. This note is from my longtime valued referrer, **Bob Seeley.** Bob doesn't really like the attention, but being a nudge, I finally got him to send me a brief update. Here it is. Music (trumpet): In 7th grade, played at Wagner College football games with Staten Island Music Center concert band. At Middlebury, played in Randy MacNamara's swing band. Still playing, in Summer Swing Orchestra in Hunterdon County, N.J. Writing: English major at Midd. Read/learned the great writers, the world of words and ideas. Followed a career in writing—editor of company publications for some Fortune 500 firms. Still working in industrial PR—writing and placing articles in the trade press on equipment such as mixers, screeners, conveyors. Technology: Flunked calculus at Midd, but took great intro biology course by Prof. Woodin. Navy OCS 1964 had a strong technical component, as did active duty in communication stations in Newfoundland, Iceland. Employment as editor with firms such as Squibb, Ingersoll-Rand called on technical knowledge, as does the present industrial PR. Taught technical writing at Raritan Valley Community College for a few years. Future: Strong desire to travel (a Navy requirement) continues and is shared by wife Sandra.

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Randy Brock began his fifth term in the Vermont Senate in January and was unanimously elected its Minority Leader, the first Vermonter of color to achieve that honor. "Randy brings a fresh perspective and a great vision," one of his colleagues reported. Randy is a former state auditor and gubernatorial candidate. The retired executive vice president for Fidelity Investments, Randy served in the U.S. Army, attaining the rank of captain. He earned the Bronze Star in Vietnam and the Army Commendation

Medal. • Francis and Lorrie Barstow '66 Love celebrated 50 years of marriage Halloween night. They wrote, "Since we got married on Halloween, our anniversary has always been on Halloween. Daughter Heather and son Eric were our only trick-or-treaters! A young friend and budding gourmet chef cooked dinner with all of us as sous chefs—pan-seared scallops, Peruvian chicken a la A.J., a roasted beet salad, broccoli raab, and an organic gluten-free carrot cake for dessert. All met with Lorrie's high nutrition and deliciousness bar. A Francis monologue followed with pictures and an enactment of our courtship and early marriage accompanied by time-appropriate music. It was pretty funny—and totally loving. Lorrie enjoyed correcting Francis when hyperbole collided with reality. It was perfect." • Class officer Julia Sinton '20.5, granddaughter of Martha Saenz, played a pivotal role in her class graduation last fall. "Febs" normally graduate at the Snow Bowl at the conclusion of winter term. When the College announced it would only hold classes remotely in December and January, Julia asked the College to move the ceremony up to November and still to hold it at the Bowl. They agreed and planning began in earnest with the Snow Bowl staff willing to make snow if nature hadn't. Then, on November 13, Vermont announced restricting gatherings only to immediate family effective at 10 p.m., November 14. Communicating via Zoom, Sinton helped to get her class to gather socially distanced at Alumni Stadium in beanies and parkas for an improvised celebration hours before the new regulation went into effect. As the *Campus* newspaper reported, "their moment together was a cherished stand-in." • Sue Scammell Carpenter succumbed to lymphoma in October. Judy Fair Dickison writes, "She was much beloved in our class. I can clearly picture her with her bright blue eyes, great smile, long blond ponytail, and long full skirt swinging as she walked across campus. She was selfless, never complaining, modest, and self-effacing—always thinking of others, often speaking fondly of her large family at home in New Jersey. After a successful career as a computer programmer in Connecticut, she got her MSW and became a therapist, excelling in both fields. Although Sue was a year younger than most of our classmates, she was the go-to person for a quick explanation of any math problem—with a grin and a modest shrug. She made our years at Midd brighter and our sympathy goes out to her sons Scott and Peter '93 and her ex-husband John Carpenter '63—they were lucky to have had her and the world seems a bit less sweet with her gone." Mindy Wright Colquitt adds, "I thought it odd that the College put us together freshman year since Sue was still 17 and I was almost 19, having missed the deadline for kindergarten by one day. She was a math whiz. I was thinking of history and teaching, but we had a good year together. May she rest in peace." • In November we lost George "Tunes" Birdsong. A lovely tribute from Phil "Nelly" Nelson follows: "I was stunned to learn of his passing. Tunes had been my dear friend since we first met freshman week in 1961. We had much in common then and retained that bond despite our living on opposite coasts since graduation. Tunes was known by everyone on campus, drawn by his steady presence and aura of goodwill. He was always a willing participant, had a kind word for everyone, and was easy to engage in conversation. A gifted athlete, he could have played many varsity sports, but chose only the golf team, ski patrol, and intramurals for four years. Most of all, he loved to have fun, and we did a lot of that. Whether it was road trips to the Hampton Manor, Montreal, or Daytona Beach, or partaking locally in events such as Moose Provoncha's annual picnic, rolling a bed to Green Mountain College, or 'borrowing' a steamroller, we did not miss much. It is not surprising that he spent many years working for New Balance, successfully managing their West Coast business for Jim Davis '66. The company's growth I am sure benefitted from his marketing and sales skills, honed while nightly hawking 'milk, donuts, and sandwiches' on campus with Bill Mueller. He lived in Newport Beach, Calif., with his family and loved California life which offered both beach and skiing activities. He was a devoted husband and father to Phil and Tim, often mentioned to me with great pride. Tunes had a spiritual awakening in later life, retiring from the business and working for his church as a prison missionary. Coincidentally was his meeting and marrying his wife Maddie. Kindred spirits, they shared their love for each other with their work for the church. His ability to engage people without judgment and to serve a higher calling speaks to the character of this genuinely decent, regular, and fun-loving guy we all knew." • As we were about to go to press, we learned of the recent illness and death of Alice Murdoch, wife of Jim Murdoch. Originally from the South, she studied at the University of Vermont, the Vermont Studio Center, and the Art Students League in New York. Her oil paintings have been exhibited throughout the East and the South. Many of them are in corporate and private collections throughout the U.S. She was known for her witty, brightly colored figurative work, her social commentary and bold approach to her subjects. • Galen South, of Mount Prospect, Ill., passed away on November 19. Galen came to us from Wells, Vt., was in Zeta Psi, and enjoyed being an active debater, foretelling of his legal career by way of University of Chicago Law School. • Wayne "Josh" Marion passed away October 4 in Delores, Colo., where he had lived for many years. After majoring in poli sci at Middlebury, Josh earned graduate degrees in accounting and management. Criss-crossing the U.S. in his career, he was peripatetic by nature, an avid aviator, a spiritual being, a lifelong learner who believed that all of life's events were opportunities for growth and gratitude. • Still slogging through the pandemic at this writing in January, it is possible that there is a definitely discernable light at the end of the COVID-19 tunnel. Many of us have already had the first of the two doses of vaccine, and may be able to breathe, and possibly meet, a little more freely by the time we are looking at summer.

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REUNION CLASS Tina Albright Kubicka wrote from her home in rural Georgia. The coastal salt marshes nearby offer opportunities to see neighbors safely during the pandemic. Tina writes, "We have the luxury of going out in the boat (no social distancing problems on the water). I wish all families had this kind of space during these challenging times. However, we do miss seeing friends who stay on their way to and from Florida—no traveling these days." Commenting on her activities, Tina notes, "After many years of building for others, we've enjoyed being able to remodel a place for ourselves. We've learned to shrimp and crab here in our tidal creek and have planted a small citrus grove. Having grown up in the North, I am still amazed that we can grow bananas and bougainvillea. The dogs are also enthusiastic boaters." Tina has stayed in close touch with Karen Glazier Kingsley, her source of highlights from our 50th Reunion. Although Tina will not be able to make our 55th due to limited mobility from Guillain Barre many years ago, she sends her warm regards and assurances that "it will be a grand time." • After Middlebury, Judy Engle Hishikawa went to Japan for 17 years as a missionary and English teacher. She then taught Japanese bilingual and English as a second language in the Fort Lee, N.J., public schools. Judy writes that she "had (mostly) delightful students from all over the world. I learned so much about human nature from them." Judy is now living in Astoria, Queens, N.Y., near her oldest daughter. She has joined a lively senior center for exercise and friendship. Judy writes that she appreciates the diversity of this neighborhood and has made friends from all over the world. Recently, she published a book of haiku, *Wild Asters*, available on Amazon. • Although Rita Crocitto King let us know that our request for news could not have come at a more "unnewsworthy" time, she followed up with a description of life in late September 2020, near the end of seven months of quarantine. ("Has this endless lockdown been only seven months, not seven years?!") Rita writes, "Although Dudley and I are, thankfully, both in good health, we have dutifully followed the guidelines of the experts for people in our vulnerable age group and stayed close to home. Dudley finally retired last summer (2019), selling the business he had owned since the early '80s to a nice young couple with lots of energy and good ideas. It was time." The Kings' only trip in the past year happened about the same time as the sale of the business: "It was a bucket list trip to celebrate our 75th birthdays—a cruise on the Danube with stops in

the Czech Republic, Austria, Slovakia, and Hungary. The trip, with so much rich and sometimes very sad history, layers and layers of culture and gorgeous scenery, did not disappoint." Rita writes of another high point, a breakout of quarantine to join their grandson in his new apartment for his virtual welcome/induction into medical school: "It was a happy occasion and not to be missed. Rather than the big ceremony in an auditorium, it was all streamed to his computer, and the family watched together on his TV as we sat around with champagne and mimosas. We all did our best to make it a festive and noteworthy occasion for him." Rita and Dudley's family has stopped growing at 14 grandchildren—now aged 15 to 23—with the oldest graduated from college and out in the work world, the second starting med school, seven in college, three high school seniors, and the two youngest in 10th grade. Rita writes, "It's a busy group and we try to keep up as best we can. Our four children all live within easy driving distance but, with the quarantine, Zoom, texts, and FaceTime have replaced actual visits. I am hopeful that, by the time classmates are reading this, we will all be looking at 2020 and COVID-19 in the rearview mirror, happy to have them behind us." • Although his son, Tom, now runs his brokerage business, **Mike Keefe** is still active in commercial retail properties and apartments in the Lake Geneva region of Wisconsin. He reports, "Things here are probably like Vermont, crazy busy." Mike also owns a home in Aspen, Colo., which is a real estate market even more active than Lake Geneva or Vermont. He considers himself to be "lucky to be where a lot of others want to be." • **Leslie Anderson Curchack** wrote about her reactions to the tumultuous times many have experienced since March. From her home in Sonoma County, Calif., she has been particularly concerned with the complex social and ecological crises facing the state and, particularly, the Point Reyes National Seashore in Marin County, which she describes as threatened by commercial interests. Despite the drastic events and changes of the last year, Leslie continues to create her annual *Love With Earth* calendar. • **Pam Williams Hettrick** stays in touch with **Judy Enright Dunning** and **Ann Parker Demong**, whom she hopes to see in Baltimore one day for a visit. Pam got up to Middlebury last summer for a wonderful time on Judy's deck (with the Dunnings and Demongs) overlooking the Adirondacks, enjoying fun stories and "flashes from the past." Pam's husband, Bill, "passed into eternity last November, so this has been somewhat of a 'year of adjustment.'" Pam writes, "A good friend was doing mission work in Albania during the winter, so I was able, before the virus shutdown, to spend 10 days in that country with the team she is working with. We had a wonderful time, and I was especially blessed meeting the Albanians. The country is still quite poor (it was under very harsh communist control for years), but the people there are very humble, broken, friendly, and open—and such a joy to get to know. We were mostly in the northern town called Shkodra, which led to a very exciting taxi ride in the middle of March to get to the airport in Tirana before the airport was closed! (Remember the James Bond films? I thought of that as we were being stopped by the police as we went through the small towns—at that time, no cars were allowed on the roads!)" Pam made it safely home, and then no more adventures for a while (a two-week quarantine plus stay-at-home orders in Maryland!). • In response to Francine's question about real estate activity in Florida (Vermont appears to be very active), **Carol Gillen June** remarks, "The real estate market seems pretty hot here but we're not selling! As of late September, I know of only two people who have been infected by the virus. The most people in the 'hot spot' are in South Florida and in care homes." At that time, Carol's area was in Stage 3 of reopening. Her grandchildren, who live nearby, had chosen virtual school.

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The Wof67 held a Zoom gathering at the planned time of our annual fall retreat for those who had signed up to meet in person. We shared updates of our personal lives, including continuing journeys with cancer and caregiving, as well as how we're doing in this time of COVID limitations. A theme of personal introspection into our lives of relative privilege, which enables us to mostly ride out the storms of racial and economic turmoil now roiling our country ran through our discussion, with many accounts of gratitude for family, friends, education, professions, and interests and activities we continue to benefit from. Bottom line, always, is how connected and supported we feel with each other. Our formative years as Midd students continue, in many ways, to influence our lives and ideas and ideals. Special thanks to the instigators of our Zoom gathering, **Sue Rugg Parmenter** and **Marion Boultbee**, web-mistresses Marion and **Margot Childs Cheel**, and discussion facilitator **Susie Davis Patterson**. We were also able to enlarge our circle by reporting on several Wof67 we'd been in recent contact with so please keep communicating with your long-ago roomies and college pals, all Wof67, wherever and however you are! Other Zoomers online were **Barb McEvoy Sepe Bentley**, **Lynn Fox Stuart**, **Kathie Towle Hession**, **Patty Ramsey, Mary Tallafuss Cuyler**, **Lee Powers Smith**, **Judy Pierpont**, **Helen Martin Whyte**, **Freddie Mahlmann**, **Elaine Dunphy Foster**, **Cathie Clement**, **Livvy Barbour Tarleton**, **Laila Fangel Kain**, **Judy VanNostrand Sturgis**, **Carol Collin Little**, **Clare Tweedy McMorris**, and **Sue Swinburne Shaw.** PS: We like hearing from our Midd men friends too! • Early last March, the **Peter Kovner** family, holding noncancelable airline and hotel reservations, was eagerly heading to LA to shake off a (mild) New England winter and visit **Joe Weber**. Within seven days, our thoughts morphed from "We really want to go" to "We have to go" to "Thank god we didn't go" to "What must we do RIGHT NOW!?" All of you reading this have different versions of that "What now?" In brief, we tried to protect our family and then tried to help others in a close and then widening circle. That personal challenge and responsibility continues, and every day we try to live up to it with varying degrees of success and failure. With a deep concern and desire that we as a society and country can find a successful way forward together. • **John Plant** is sequestered on the shores of Nova Scotia, creating the score for a "spoken-word opera," *The Heart of Things,* with text by local playwright Wanda Graham. The title comes from the name of the commercial fishing boat operated by a "tormented family of fishers" whose lives, work, and "very particular world" are played out before us. John writes, "It's been a blessing to have a big project like this to work on and to be able to work on it by the ocean. As always, my wife, Jocelyne, is deeply involved; as with everything I write, this music would not be what it is without her. We are well, but remaining in isolation, and would love to hear from you. (www.johnplantmusic.com)"

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Nancy Wolfe Krisel writes, "We've been working for the last 19 months on the rebuilding of our house that burned in the November 2018 Malibu fires. Malibu has a strange layout 27 miles long going from the ocean up into the hills. We're in an area called Malibu Park, the hardest hit area in the wildfires—over 400 houses in our area were destroyed. We are finally almost ready to submit our plan to Building and Safety after having had to jump through numerous hoops of demolition, architectural and structural drawings, fire department planning (including listing every existing and proposed plant on our property), etc. To say it's been daunting is an understatement. Lots of our garden survived the fire, and what didn't we've basically composted. We're starting to enjoy beans, tomatoes, and blackberries from the garden—all a sign of renewal and moving forward. I'm grateful to have been included in frequent Zoom chats with Middlebury friends who I reconnected with at our Reunion. It's a terrific and interesting group. We've all been comparing notes of surviving the pandemic." • **Frank Adshead** writes, "Gail and I took a 15-day Down East cruise on our sailboat, going as far as Mt. Desert Island and visiting many harbors that we had not been in before in our 46 years of living and sailing in Maine! We

also had a wonderful (outside) dinner with **Steve Conn** and wife Joannie at the Newagen Inn on Southport Island. We are feeling very fortunate in having a way to travel and sightsee without significant COVID-19 worries." • In the fall **Jeannine Laverty** was staying grounded by physical labor—weeding one day a week to trade for her CSA share, other work for a flower farmer, and in her own yard and house. She is also working on racial healing in several ways: Alternatives to Violence workshops, partly on Zoom, setting up ways for local people to learn some Restorative Justice techniques. Services for her daughter with intractable epilepsy are harder to come by during COVID times, so she is filling in more for other people her daughter usually needs. Jeannine is holding steady as she can and wishing the best for everyone in the Class of '68 and their beloveds. • **Lindsay Patterson Allison** and husband Blake arrived back from a little island off the coast of the Yucatán at the end of last February. "Our son, Sam, picked us up at the airport and told us we were going to Costco the next day and then packing up to go to our house on Chappaquiddick for an indeterminate stay. We are still here and it is September. Sam was with us till a couple of weeks ago when he left for grad school (an MFA) in Buffalo. It was a real treat to have time with him, as ever since college (Wesleyan, where Blake went, too) he has lived in Nepal, India, New Zealand, Peru, Washington State, and Vermont! Our daughter, Morgan '95, her husband, and their two kids have been coming down weekends, but staying at our other house here. Fortunately, I have been able to work at the Japanese garden, Mytoi, most days since we arrived and we have done lots of projects, even learning to bake bread. We plan to stay here all winter. No Italy or Mexico this year, I fear. But we are lucky to be here and safe." • **Dan Curry** writes, "Last fall **Greg Dickinson** stopped by for a few days while attending a forensic conference in LA—lots of reminiscing and playing guitar. He then took a train to Seattle to visit **Dan Eiben**. On July 2 I was diagnosed with COVID-19 and spent days in the hospital. Luckily my symptoms were mild and I am okay now, but there will be lingering effects. While recovering, I did some stream-of-consciousness art, unplanned, just starting with a few strokes and exploring where they led—very different from my professional work which is photoreal." To read about Dan's latest book, go to middleburymagazine.com and check out the November/December Editors' Picks. • **Nancy Brooks Richardson** writes there is not much going on for David '66 and her these days. "Massachusetts had an early and frightening surge of COVID, but with a strong governor (Republican!) and the cooperation of most businesses and residents, the incidence of disease has been brought down to a less frightening level. David has been ill for a long time–prostate cancer followed by the 'cure' (chemo and radiation), which very nearly killed him. Consequently, we haven't been able to go anywhere, so quarantining at home has become a way of life. David is slowly regaining strength mentally and physically, so once we are freed from the grip of COVID we should be ready and able to be social and to travel again." • From Vermont **Larry Bruce** writes, "After 35-plus years practicing law and 12 serving as a probate judge, I joined wife **Susan** (**Roush**) (and probably most of our classmates) in retirement in March 2019. Most of the time since then has been spent enjoying grandsons, northern New England, 'camp' on a remote Northeast Kingdom lake, working in my woodshop, fly-fishing, fly-tying, and skiing. However, the major impact on our lives last summer was Susan's diagnosis and battle with breast cancer. Not good news, but hers is 'treatable,' she has a positive prognosis, and she's hanging in there. The pandemic has changed social support and interaction at a time when we need our friends and family the most. Best wishes to all." • And on a sad note, **Susan Hastings Chandler** writes, "It is with sadness that we learned of the death of **Gerry Goodrich** on October 26 in NYC. Gerry thrived on the energy of urban life in New York with his wife, **Susan Caughman**, and his daughters, Charlotte and Hope—but he also loved spending as much time as possible in rural Connecticut. He was both the recently retired medical school executive and lover of theater and social sciences in the city, and the stone wall builder, gardener, and avid golfer in the country. Wherever he was, he welcomed his amazing range of friends to share his passions, his joy in his latest intellectual pursuit, his brilliance, his curiosity, his wine, his family, his life. For the last four years, Gerry battled a rare form of bladder cancer with typical Gerry style—intelligence, creativity, strength, and with no complaints. While at Middlebury, Gerry lived in the Foyer with classmates who remained his lifelong friends. **Bob Copeland** recently honored him by naming a newly discovered species of wasp from the Afro tropical region after him: *Ismarus goodrichi*. For an old Kenya hand like Gerry, a perfect honor and legacy." **Margaret "Muffet" Dale** added this note about Gerry: "After serving in the Peace Corps in Kenya, Gerry went to Boston and received a JD from Boston University and subsequently an MPH from the Harvard School of Public Health. He and Susan returned to Africa to work for the American Friends Service for several years. They eventually settled in New York City, where Gerry served in a variety of positions in hospital and healthcare administration and healthcare policy in both the private and the public sectors in New York, New Jersey, and internationally. He retired from Weill Cornell Medical School in 2016." • We need emails for the following classmates. Please let us know if you can supply addresses for **Peter Martin**, **Sam Levin**, **Ira Lipton**, **Richard Berg**, and **Frederick Fritz**.

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Please send us your news! Classmates want to know what you are up to!

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Lynn Wilson sent this update: "In this strangest of years I am fortunate to have a husband with whom I can stay at home most of the time and have fun. But overall the best part of this time for me has been increased connection with family and friends. I think I took other people for granted, that I could visit them or spend time with them easily. Now I seem to have to make an appointment for nearly everything—not just doctor's appointments, but time at the gym and going into some stores, and also to talk or walk with people. I realize how precious connection is and how much I have taken it for granted. Even the Reunion Zooms gave me a chance to get to know some classmates better. I also spend more time on FaceTime with my son, his wife, and my now 18-month-old grandson who live in California, than I might have otherwise. I feel very lucky to be retired, not have children who need to school at home, and don't have elderly relatives in hospital or nursing care. I do cook for the local homeless shelter and provide food to food banks, along with some other things, to help in a remote way." • **Nancy Heller** sent this news: "I baked my first-ever blueberry scones, which were pretty good, and made some so-so kung pao chicken; I got crafty enough to create a truly silly turkey hat for a Thanksgiving Zoom chat and a strange topper for our multicultural holiday tree (a tall bamboo plant festooned with my sparkliest earrings plus colorful, unused gift-package bows); I, like much of the rest of the world, became fascinated by *The Queen's Gambit*; I spoke regularly, via land-line (!), with my Big Sister, the always-fascinating-and-entertaining Charlotte 'Chickie' Sibley '68; helped Bob transplant his cacti (brought, carefully, many years ago, from my late parents' home in Arizona); learned how to give remote guest lectures for various groups; and—oh, yes, I officially retired from teaching art history after (gasp) 30 years at the University of the Arts, plus a total of six other full-time years at state universities in Maryland and Texas. My timing was awful, since we couldn't do anything to celebrate because of the pandemic and the nasty virus I acquired last February (which was probably COVID, but what difference does it make at this point?—except that I still have some annoying symptoms). Meanwhile, we realize how very lucky we are, at this terrible time in U.S./global history, to be healthy (all things considered), have a non-leaky roof over our heads, food to eat, a regular income, and—most important—relatives and good friends with whom we can still communicate, albeit remotely. Best wishes to all!" • We heard this from **Al Perry**: "Lord only knows what

will have transpired between this writing and publication. BAD NEWS: In our immediate family of seven, COVID-19 has afflicted five (both daughters, both grandchildren, and our son-in-law). This is, after all, free-spirited California, not safely shutdown Vermont. GOOD NEWS: All recovered without hospitalization. In addition to reading a ton, long runs, and being glued to CNN, MSNBC, and Heather Cox Richardson, it's all been close to home—with one exception: snuck into Vermont under cover of darkness last September to climb Mt. Mansfield with classmate **Rob Apple** and sample beer on Burlington's Lake Champlain shore with Rob and **Randy Rowland**. I have thoroughly enjoyed an informal group email/Zoom connection, started two months ago, with politically like-minded former classmates—most I never really knew 'back in the day.' They were either not poli-sci/ski majors or dined at Weybridge or a frat, not Proctor. You know who you are!" • **Tena Rodgers Boehm** writes, "I feel a little guilty saying that I've had a very pleasant six months. I missed a nice trip or two but enjoyed extra gardening, reading, bridge, watching good shows, and drinking wine with friends on our decks. One plus is that I've reconnected with several Midd friends through texts, Zoom sessions, and phone calls and that's been truly delightful. Fingers crossed for our delayed Reunion." • **Susan Ross Roberts** sent a quick update: "We are doing fine. We have pretty much done all we can to avoid COVID exposure and been lucky so far. We had our first vaccine about a week ago. I am so thankful for Zoom as a way to keep up with family and other social interaction. I even have a weekly Spanish lesson with a woman in Peru!" • Sadly, we lost two classmates recently. **Jim Patterson**, who had had a bilateral lung transplant six-and-a-half years ago, succumbed to COVID-19 and passed away on January 16, with his wife, **Nancy Mackey Patterson**, at his side. He was elected Judge of Probate for Hancock County, Maine, a position he held for 36 years, bringing him the most joy of his career. He also enjoyed fishing with our classmate **Harry Zinn**. • On February 5, **Dick McCann** died while out on his morning run. He was recognized as a pioneering vascular surgeon at Duke Medical Center. He was a beloved husband to **Meg Floyd McCann,** and he adored and was dearly loved by his children and grandchildren. Our hearts go out to **Nancy** and **Meg** at this difficult time. • And finally, your correspondent **Beth Prasse Seeley** shares this: "I am one of the many people who believed that 2020 was a year that should be relegated to the ashcan of history. But there are some highlights that redeemed the year. While we weren't able to have our much-anticipated 50th Reunion, we did manage to have a few Zoom get-togethers to keep in touch. (Big thanks to Lyn Degraff and Tiffany Stowe for that!) But most delightful, on December 19, I reached the two-year anniversary of the bone marrow transplant that literally saved my life. At two years, I was finally permitted to learn the identity of my bone marrow donor! He is a kind, generous 34-year-old German man named Jan, with a lovely wife and two adorable children. He lives in Berlin and is a refrigeration engineer and volunteer fireman. We were able to meet via email and stay in touch on Facebook, and I'm hoping to meet him in person sometime in the coming year or two. I'm learning German on Babbel to prepare for that meeting."

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REUNION CLASS At this writing (early February), we're awaiting word on the status of our Reunion. For news about your classmates, we refer you to that splendid 300-page yearbook you recently received. Meanwhile, get vaccinated when you can, wear the mask, stay safe, and hope for the best. Cheers!

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Diana Durham was recently profiled in the College of Saint Rose alumni magazine. After earning a master's in English at the Univ. of Virginia, she began working on a PhD there but realized she wanted to work more directly with learners than do research. She began teaching in a residential school in Leesburg, Va., then moved to upstate New York, where she taught high school English and ran the learning disabilities program at Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Senior High School. That was when she discovered the College of Saint Rose had the learning disabilities program she wanted and she earned her MS in 1977. From there she went on to obtain her PhD from the Univ. of Southern California, where she found she enjoyed the administrative side of things. She worked at a teaching hospital in LA, at a Continuing Medical Education audio publishing company, and from 2009 to 2019, she served as associate director then senior advisor for the continuing education in healthcare function for Veterans Healthcare System, U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs. Currently she is working part time as the strategic advisor to the director for the Stanford Center for Continuing Medical Education. The interview with Diana in the *College of Saint Rose* ended with this anecdote. Diana says, "Recently I was introducing myself at some event, and I mentioned Saint Rose—not everyone has heard of it. Then I said, 'I'm the other famous Saint Rose graduate.' They all looked at me, and I said, 'You don't know Jimmy Fallon?'" • **Nancy Morgan Serpa** reports from the southland that she moved to Florida to enjoy a snow-free existence. "I bought an acre of land next door to my niece and her family and completed the design/build of a home in 2019. I'm about an hour north of Tampa, in relatively rural Weeki Wachee (home of the mermaids! Google it) and am enjoying it immensely. COVID has of course meant I don't have the visitors I had hoped for, but I'm betting on a post-COVID onslaught of friends and family someday. I'll sell my home in Arlington, Va., as soon as I can get vaccinated and have the energy to clean out my former home of 28 years. I still plan to spend time in the D.C. area and around New England, likely during the summer months each year, and I'm looking forward to our 50th Reunion in June 2022. My email is nancyserpa@verizon.net." • **Roger Sakolove** sent this update: "Probably the biggest change in my life in sunny Florida has been the acceleration of my (and my wife, Scotti's) acting career, after 35 years as an advertising copywriter. I have been in a Pitbull music video, national commercials, and infomercials. We have also been key background actors in two Netflix movies. Most recently, Scotti and I starred in an episode of the reality show, *Selling Yachts* (AWE TV), where we were cast as Fort Lauderdale billionaires in search of the perfect multimillion-dollar ship. While we have endured the industry shutdown, things are picking up! This year also saw the marriage of our younger daughter, Carly, to her girlfriend in a beautiful, yet limited, ceremony overlooking Nantasket Beach, south of Boston. While we have not seen our grandboys in person for a year, we play games and stay connected via Zoom. Looking forward to the Reunion!"

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We have sad news to share: **Allan Vogt** passed away peacefully in August after an extended illness. His good friend and classmate, **Gail Littlefield Doeberl**, sent the obituary which Allan had dictated to her shortly before his death, hoping it would reach the College and his friends, since his Middlebury years were focal in his life. She writes, "Allan was extremely ill during the last two years of his life. Although we were four hours away, we traveled to visit him every two months until the pandemic hit. Due to COVID, his Midd friends and I will gather at a later date to celebrate his life. We all mourn his passing and appreciate the special lifelong friend that he was. Did you know that he was a member of our wedding party and that he never missed taking me out for my birthday until he got sick? Almost 50 years. I want his words to speak for themselves." You can read them on our class Facebook page or here: Allan Vogt passed away peacefully on August 8, 2020, in Mount Kisco, N.Y., after an extended illness. He was born on April 24, 1950, in Englewood, N.J., to Dr. Kenneth and Marion Vogt. He graduated from Lakeland High School in Shrub Oak, N.Y., and subsequently matriculated at Middlebury College, where he earned dual degrees in English and French in 1973. Upon graduation, Allan worked for two years at the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in Southern New York and then he attend-

ed SUNY Albany, where he graduated with an MBA. His professional career included positions at Ogilvy & Mather Ad Agency, Grey Ad Agency, American Home Products, Colgate Palmolive, and Revlon, where he ended his career as director of market research. Allan loved to travel, especially in Western Europe. He toured Germany, Italy, Scandinavia, the British Isles, and Switzerland, which he visited over a dozen times. All of Allan's family members predeceased him. He leaves behind his lifelong beloved Middlebury friends Madeleine Phu Dung Li '72, **Dag Berntsen**, **Bob Main**, **Frank Pallone**, and **Gail Littlefield Doeberl**." Our condolences to all his classmates and friends. • Funerals, weddings, and reunions all get postponed during these times but a group of Batt North friends from across the country decided to spend time together on Zoom. **Alison Sommers Kennedy**, **Kathy Wilson**, **Lindy Osterland Sargent**, **Deborah Shinn**, **Jeannie Northrup Burditt**, **Sue Karl Teller**, **Robin Cruise**, **Deborah Goudreau**, **Sage Russell**, **Jay Aronson**, **Kris Bye Strandness**, **Loring Starr**, **Hatti Campbell Saunders**, and **Kate "Ciddy" Aring Piper** were able to connect one October late afternoon to share updates on their lives and especially life during COVID. As one friend put it: "It's astonishing to see so many amazing faces all at once, some not seen for years and years." (Can you just imagine how we'll all feel when our 50th Reunion rolls around?) What follows is a collage of expressions, feelings, summations, thoughts. On working remotely: "It's Zoom all day long, and we feel like telemarketers, my husband and I." "Miss seeing people in person; it's hard because you can't just go down the hall to take care of something but have to arrange a meeting online." "It's the perfect way to work for an introvert!" On being retired: "Glad I'm not teaching this year, because of the inequities in remote learning for students." "I replaced working with full-time babysitting for grandchildren." On noticing that we are living in a bubble, even when COVID is combined with wildfires: "It's so much more difficult being a millennial—working, raising children, finding social life, getting laid off and looking for work, getting married on Zoom or in a snowstorm in Vermont before the new spouse loses health insurance, or being a college student. It's a hard time, filled with worries." "Being able to move out of the city and work remotely in the country." "Being blissfully retired." On our challenges: "The worst is having kids and grandkids too far away to visit." "Really hard to visit and support our elderly mothers." "We've just moved to a new place and it's not an easy time to meet new people." "The uncertainties." "It's exhausting watching grandchildren!" "Everyone's in a different place, either isolated or too busy—life is just bizarrely crazy!" "Broken collarbone, broken rib, second knee replacement, spouses' illnesses." On bright spots and resilience: "Becoming a new grandmother—babies are a great preoccupation during COVID!" "Working in the pottery studio and making masks." "Teaching immigrants to become citizens." "One of the nicest summers I've ever had." "Absolutely beautiful fall, like Vermont." "Despite limited post-surgery navigation, I could at least get to the beach." "Having a mid-life crisis and buying a 20-year-old Saab convertible." "Biking, walking, hiking, racquet-crazy sports, trail building, gardening, time in nature, being outdoors." "Planning ahead for the winter: space heaters and campfires." And, of course, reading. The Midd women shared their recent favorite books, which will be included in the Class of '73 Book Recommendations list. Please share your stories, reunions, and reading suggestions on our Facebook page or by email for the next class column. Stay well, and take good care.

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Mike Hamilton writes, "I'm living in Maine with my wife, Daria. Blessed to be in the Bath/Brunswick/Topsham area, we have been in (and working on) the same house in Topsham's Historic District for over 25 years. We came over from Vermont in 1983 for what I thought would be a year to indulge a passion for yacht design and sailing. We never left. After a long career in design and construction project management, I got into residential real estate and just passed my 15th anniversary with REMAX. Daria works with special needs kids in one of the local elementary schools. We have three grown daughters, all of whom somehow wound up living within 15 minutes of us. Who'd have thunk it? Working in the garden during the warm weather and thinking about it during the cold weather keeps me busy in my spare time. Though at times challenging, I have to say life is good!" • **Jan Higbee** tells us, "I think of all my Midd classmates often and hope they are doing well. We are thankful to be okay. I retired three years ago after 20 years managing the office for my dentist—a long-standing and very busy practice, much beloved by three generations of patient families. The boss decided it was time at age 75—most of us followed suit. It was a huge change for me, but I'm fully embracing the more relaxed days, having time for friends, many home projects, books, music, lovely walks, fitness classes—it's still such a treat not having to rush out early in the mornings, to plan each day just as I want. And I love those winter mornings, watching the snow come down with an extra cup of coffee instead of madly shoveling my way to the road. My son is 32. He works in the food industry—accounting and logistics—so has been fortunate to hold on to his job and to work from home during the pandemic. He lives nearby and I see him fairly frequently. Acting and dance might have been my passions, but he has been the true center of my universe all these years! Getting together with dear friends **Steve** and **Viv Longo Trebino** here in Hingham, Mass., is always great. And **Nancy Kolligian**'s mini-reunion about a year ago was delightful—too long since we'd all seen each other. Have been happy to be in touch occasionally with quite a few other folks, some thanks to my dear friend, 'the other Janet Higbee,' who managed the Midd alumni directory for many years. The confusion due to our shared name meant that I got to say hello to several classmates I'd lost track of. We all seem to be doing fine but how did we get to be senior citizens so fast? Sending best to all." • **Mary Jane Dickson Cuneo** writes, "Because our family is a Middlebury bingo, most of my news may belong in columns for other years. I'm still working for Harvard Library, remotely now and for the foreseeable future. Love not having to commute, which had been getting worse every year. I do miss seeing my colleagues; we Zoom all the time but all the spontaneous moments are gone—who knew how important they were? I hope to continue working a couple more years. My husband, John '72, is retiring soon from a nonprofit antipoverty agency. Community Action is based in Haverhill, Mass., where he has been CEO for many years. He looks forward to more time for kayaking, home projects, continuing community involvement, and snoozing in a patch of sunlight with the cat. Son Jack '09 and his wife Caitlin (Vincek) '08 just moved from Denver to Arvada, Colo., where they have become first-time homeowners. Jack works for a company that provides software for yoga and fitness studios. It is a NYC-based company, so he was ahead of the curve working remotely. Caitlin, a courtroom interpreter for Spanish and author of *The No Nonsense Spanish Workbook* (look it up!), has begun studies toward a law degree at the University of Colorado at Boulder. Son Will '15 is doing well as a bartender and musician in Cleveland. He is also active with the Cleveland Solar Co-Op and is taking classes toward becoming an English teacher. It's gratifying to see them all make their way in these challenging times. Best wishes to all my old classmates. Hope everyone is healthy and strong." • Finally, we regret to inform you that **Glenn "Gondo" Dallaire** passed away in early October after a battle with cancer. Gondo lived in the Washington, D.C., area for many years and worked for a variety of federal government agencies. He retired in 2015. I (**Steve**) happened to be in contact with Gondo this past summer. He told me of his illness at that time. He understood its seriousness and likely progression, yet seemed to me to be handling this with both courage and grace. Gondo told me how much he appreciated the efforts of so many Middlebury people to reach out to him in recent months and asked me to extend his best wishes to all his classmates in our next Class Acts column. An obituary will appear in a later edition of the class notes.

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I hope everyone is doing well. Send news!

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REUNION CLASS John Doane sent this sad news and thoughts on a friend: "I am very sorry to report Joe Corbett passed away December 2 after a long, debilitating illness. This has brought together a few old Midd friends of Joe's—John O'Brien, Peter Hunsberger, Peter Nichols, and me—to share memories and thoughts. Joe and I first met during freshman orientation week. We were both late waitlist admissions, which gave us the distinction of missing the publication deadline of the all-important reference for incoming freshman, New Faces. The effect this had for us turned out to be interesting, in making us invisible amongst our new peers. (There's a very funny story related to that, which I'll repeat during our Reunion if you remind me.) Joe had a different spin on this interpretation of our identity, in that it allowed us to be incognito. I liked that more positive perspective, bringing in fun and intrigue. Just like Joe. As John O'Brien (who also shared post-Midd medical training with Joe) notes, 'Joe was simply a very good man. Kind, patient, smart, knowledgeable. His high intelligence showed in his quick, dry delivery of puns and other witticisms. And according to the hospice nurse, he was still coming up with jokes the week before he died. He used his great memory to craft jokes that would incorporate a word or phrase from a story that one may have told him (many) years earlier, but he would remember the story (even when you may have forgotten it), and personalize the joke. He had a talent for that, to the end.' Peter Hunsberger recalls their shared postgrad time when both couples, Peter and Deb (Shwayka) '75 and Joe and Jeanie, were living and working in Texas. The Hunsbergers, then a family of three young kids, really impressed Joe and Jeanie—useful memories as they went on to have four lovely children of their own. Peter Nichols, Joe, Paul Tierney, and Peter Hunsberger had a memorable sail back in the Midd years—the laughter is recalled with fondness. Peter N. notes that Joe, with his small, wry smile, could create one of the finest 'Knights of Ni' on campus. We drift apart until something pulls us together. Joe did that. With this loss of an old friend, all too soon, we renew the value of old friendships. The bonds of the past are durable and so easily refreshed. With this coming Reunion, may we all see some of that. The very best to whomever this note reaches." • We have learned that our 45th Reunion will be virtual this June—watch your email for news.

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I am writing this column at the beginning of 2021 with the hope that you are all well and that the coming year will bring good health, and time together, for you and yours. The past 10 months have been quite a ride. • I apologize to those that provided information that didn't make it into the last published class notes—due to some disrupted travel plans and remote technology issues, I missed the deadline. To catch you up on the news received... • Jocelyn Samuels was nominated to the United States EEOC in March and appointed in October 2020. Jocelyn had been working as executive director of UCLA's School of Law, Williams Institute, with a focus on government and civil rights law. Previously, she was director of the Office for Civil Rights at HHS. She is well known for her efforts in support of gender equity and women's rights. • Katie Smith Sloan was recognized as one of McKight's Senior Living "40 for 40," McKight's 40th anniversary celebration of people who have had a large impact on their mission. Katie is the first woman to hold the post of president/CEO at LeadingAge, which builds on her long commitment to advocating for the aging. Following a master's in public policy from GWU, Katie has worked with AARP and has been with LeadingAge since 2002 in a number of roles. • Robert Sideli's barbershop quartet group was part of a Zoom concert presented by the Westchester Chordsmen Chorus and Barbershop Harmony Society in December. Bob prepared much of the video and audio production, which included concert-level production of chorus, quartets, and solos. • Anne Van Ingen married Wes Haynes on September 12, 2020, on a beautiful afternoon. Due to travel and gathering restrictions, personal attendance was limited but many of Anne's classmates were able to attend via the modern miracle of Zoom. Anne was a shining bride, Wes was wonderful as he entertained the virtual crowd prior to the formal ceremony, which went off without a hitch. Best wishes to both. • On a sadder note, we remember those of our classmates that have left us. Nancy Ryan Lowitt passed May 18, 2020, from breast cancer. She was an educator and associate dean at the University of Maryland's School of Medicine. Her colleagues considered her a "treasure," with many recognizing her trailblazing efforts for inclusion and diversity. Friends knew her as caring and selfless. • Jack Kendree died June 28, 2020. Jack obtained an MBA and PhD from the University of South Carolina's School of Business and was a professor at Coastal Carolina University. Following one of his interests, he was the estate caretaker for the Beneventum Plantation House in Georgetown, S.C. He was remembered for his wit, expansive sense of humor, and good heart. • Victor King died July 26, 2020, in Hartford, Conn. Victor made a career in IT within the insurance industry, retiring in 2018. He did a great deal of volunteer work in the Hartford area and continued his sporting interests, including golf and cycling. (Personally, I will always remember Victor directing traffic on the Midd soccer field.) Victor was an accomplished bridge player, achieving the status of Grand Life Master, the highest level. He is remembered for his enthusiasm, warm smile, and dry wit. • Richard Broad passed away on August 28, 2020, from pancreatic cancer. After leaving Midd, he first taught and coached at the Watkinson School in Hartford, Conn. Later he moved onto consulting and project management work, including efforts for the Department of Defense and Veterans Affairs. Dick continued his love of sports—including rooting for the NY Giants and UConn women's basketball—and also participated in community theater. He is remembered as patient and kind, with a warm smile and a willingness to help. • Our thoughts go out to all those family and friends left behind by each of our classmates. Obituaries appear at the end of these notes. • On a "life goes on" note, Carol and I welcomed our fourth grandchild in November 2020—one more excuse to look at Midd Kid clothes. • Check out a 1977 mini-reunion from last March, pre-COVID shutdown, on page 70. • Please share your news and let us know how you are all doing. I have still forsworn social media platforms, so an email about yourself, or one of your classmates, would be much appreciated. Best wishes in the days ahead—and time to start thinking about our 45th!

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Tom Clement notes that he has worked as a principal product manager at Guidewire Software in the Bay Area for the past four years, but recently started working remotely from his house on Clear Lake in Northern California. "My wife, Sabrina, and I sold our house in Oakland and we're really happy living a relatively rural life on this idyllic lake. Sabrina has recently retired from her position with UC Berkeley Cal Performances, where she was director of artistic literacy. While I'm about to reach official retirement age, I'm feeling valued and having a lot of fun at work, so I don't imagine retiring soon. Our son Christopher is 21 years old and living in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho." • Carolyn McIntosh writes that, following graduation, she returned home to Boulder, Colo., where she attended the University of Colorado School of Law. After law school, she joined a small firm with offices in Washington, D.C., and Denver. "My focus was then—and remains—environmental law. Five years into private practice, I joined the office of the Colorado attorney general, where I was one of a dozen or so attorneys who launched a new section to tackle remediation and enforcement under the (then new) Comprehensive Environmental, Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), also known as Superfund. While still at the AG, I ran for local office and served for 12 years on the city council of Lafayette, Colo., the last four of which I served as mayor." Still in Colorado, Carolyn has been in private practice for 30 years at Squire Patton Boggs, where she is a partner. She still practices environmental law, representing municipal governments, states (occasionally), and corporations in their efforts to comply with environmental laws, obtain permits, transfer property, assets, and/or permits, and the like. "I have handled cases

ARABIC SCHOOL

Dr. **David Cross** (MA '17) is an associate professor at Charleston Southern Univ., where he teaches Spanish and Arabic. In July 2020, his article "Disruption, Self-Reflection and Renovation: Revisiting the Arabic Influences in *Don Quijote*" was accepted for publication in *Dirāsāt: The Journal for Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Jordan*. David has also worked as an Arabic-English interpreter for the Dorchester County Magistrate's Court. • In December **Asmaa Taha** (MA '17) graduated from the Univ. of Mississippi, earning a PhD in second language studies, majoring in applied linguistics. A graduate instructor in the Dept. of Modern Languages, she was the first PhD student to graduate from the second language studies program and was also a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honors Society. Asmaa plans to continue teaching and working on publishing her research.

BREAD LOAF SCHOOL OF ENGLISH

Author and poet **Carol Stephenson Nolde** (MA '64) recently published her latest collection of poetry titled *Emblems*. A native of Sullivan County, N.Y., her sense of history of the area and family history drives much of her poetry. • Dr. **Herbert Martin** (MLitt '72) has published another collection of poems, called *Sometimes Say My Name*. It contains a group of prose poems, inspired by Willie Short, a dishwasher featured in a 1987 *Newsweek* story about people suffering from AIDS. Herbert also has a successful career as a librettist. • As part of the Los Angeles Times Festival of Books, **Stuart Stevens** (MA '78) was a panelist on a virtual panel for "Presidential Politics." For 25 years, he was the lead strategist and media consultant for some of the nation's toughest political campaigns. • Also serving on a panel in December was **Lou Bernieri** (MA '80), founder and director of Andover Bread Loaf, a youth leadership development program in Massachusetts and a program of Phillips Academy in partnership with BLTN. The panel was called "Youth Leaders Unlocking Justice: 100 Years of Advocacy in Lawrence, Mass." • **Alfredo Celedõn Luján** (MLitt '87) was recently named the president of the National Council of Teachers of English. A seventh grade English teacher at Monte del Sol Charter School in Santa Fe, N.M., he is the first Latino and first New Mexican president in the 111-year-old history of the organization. • A professor of English at Tarrant County College in Fort Worth, Texas, **Gary Montaño** (MLitt '04) recently published *From the Light to Forever: Composition, Structure, and Academic Language*. It provides students with a clear understanding of why academic language is important, how to expand their language use of academic language effectively, and how to improve their writing skills. • **Lorena Germán** (MA '14), who taught English at Headwaters School in Austin, Texas, for five years, is a member of #DisruptsTexts, a group she helped found, and part of a movement to get teachers to diversify their reading lists, putting aside some classic texts for newer books by diverse authors. • Last fall **Roger Mason** (MA '14) was selected as a semifinalist for the Page 73 Playwriting Fellowship. • Congratulations to **Christopher McCurry** (MA '16), who was named Kentucky's High School Teacher of the Year in 2020. He has been teaching in the Fayette Public Schools for 10 years and teaches Dual Credit 101 and 102, sophomore English, and advanced African American literature. • **Tim Helfrich** (MA '18) recently joined the staff at Davidson College as a volunteer assistant soccer coach. Previously he was the head soccer coach at Loomis Chaffee and spent 10 years at the Woodlawn School, teaching English and serving as athletic director as well as soccer coach. The owner of Summit Coffee in Davidson, he and wife Beth have four children.

BETTY ASHBURY JONES MA '86 SCHOOL OF FRENCH

An accomplished translator, French instructor, and Fulbright Scholar in 20th-century French literature, **Paulette Letendre Boudrot** (MA '66) recently published her debut literary translation, *Boston, My Blissful Winter: Memories of the 1980s* by Alain Briottet. • Last September, the Academy of the Holy Angels recognized the retirement of Sister **Diane Driscoll** (MA '70). Spending the past five decades as an educator, she taught French and religious studies. • **Anne Craig** (MA '74) recently retired as the executive director of the Greenwood (S.C.) Arts Council. Joining the organization in 1997, she has been instrumental in expanding the arts scene and creating an arts center and gallery space in an iconic building in Greenwood. • **Tina Cane** (MA '93), poet laureate of Rhode Island, recently read her poetry via Zoom at a meeting of the South Kingstown Book Club. Her most recent book is *Once More with Feeling*. She is the founder and director of Writers-in-the-Schools, Rhode Island.

ITALIAN SCHOOL

Law firm Robinson+Cole recently announced that **Brian Calabrese** (MA '10) had been promoted to counsel, effective January 1. He is a member of the firm's environmental, energy, and telecommunications group. • **Ricardo-Martin Marroquin** (DML '15) has published two novels, *Our Silent Journey* and *El sobrino de las tias*, and an article titled "The complexity of recognizing the ABCs for English language learners: More than twenty-six sounds," which appeared in *Teachers of English as a Second Language Association of Ontario*. He has another article called "Thou Shalt Not Speak English," which talks about why it is important to allow English learners the opportunity to communicate in English at home instead of forbidding it. He is working as a part-time professor at Redeemer Univ. and a full-time assessor at the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

MIDDLEBURY INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AT MONTEREY

Romina Marazzato de Sparano (MATI '02) is the president at Plainlii and an expert in plain language, translation, and localization, working with a range of private and public sector organizations, including Fortune 500 companies. Recently interviewed by ThriveGlobal, she admits that she started out in biochemistry, interested in the Genome Project, but she is a language geek and happened upon translation and went back to school at the Institute to get a degree. After she graduated and had been working a few years, Professor Chuanyun Bao, who was dean of the Translation and Interpretation School at the time, reached out to her to design and launch a new degree and with his help, she repurposed existing resources from the translation and international business schools and developed the MA in Translation and Localization Management. Her work in translation also led her to collaborate with authors and organizations in streamlining their source, or original texts, and that's how she arrived at her interest in plain language. • After working in a fellowship in Ecuador under USAID for the World Council of Credit Unions and then as a brand manager for Rubbermaid, **Meg Novak** (MBA '07) decided to return to her roots in the restaurant business, which she had grown up with in her parents' restaurants. She recently opened a micro-kitchen called Door Belle Dinners, where she provides hot, home-cooked dinners prepared in an aluminum pot. Located in Venice, Fla., she offers 11 dishes and purchases all her ingredients locally. While she calls her meals comfort food, her time spent in Spain and California inspires some variety with dishes like Seafood Paella and the Ahi Tuna Poke Pot.

SCHOOL OF SPANISH

In November, **Wilton Gregory** ('87), who had been serving as the Archbishop of Washington, D.C., and was the highest-ranking African American Catholic in U.S. history, was elevated to the College of Cardinals during an installation ceremony in Rome. He is the Catholic Church's first African American cardinal and will be one of the Pope's closest advisors as well as one of only 120 or so men who will elect the next pontiff. • **George Henson** (MA '87) has translated the first book of a trilogy, *Trilogy of Memory*, written by Sergio Pitol, Mexico's greatest and most influential living author and winner of the Cervantes Prize. Titled *The Art of Flight*, this initial book takes the reader on a whirlwind tour of the world's cultural capitals as Pitol looks back on his well-traveled life as a legendary author, translator, scholar, and diplomat. • **Elizabeth Gunn** (MA '97) was recently named the dean of the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Nevada State College, a Hispanic Serving Institution and one of the fastest-growing colleges in the nation. Previously she was the associate dean of academic programs at Rutgers Univ. • **Alisa Cooper de Uribe** (MA '03), a bilingual first grade teacher at New Mexico International School, a charter school in Albuquerque, was named the New Mexico Teacher of the Year in 2020. She is the second charter school teacher to win the award in the program's 57-year history. She will take a year out of the classroom to promote professional development, serve as an example to her peers, and work with the New Mexico Public Education Dept. • **Nora Frost** (MA '05) was recently named public information director of Los Angeles City Planning. Heading up communication for the largest urban planning department in the nation, she serves 4 million Angelenos by promoting sustainable and equitable city planning initiatives in LA's diverse communities.

from Minnesota to California and nearly all states in between. I once argued back-to-back cases, one in the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals and the next in the 10th Circuit on consecutive days and won both. I still find work challenging and fun, although this year most of it has been from home." Married, divorced, and remarried, she never had children but has a number of nieces and nephews to spoil and send back to their parents, one set of which live in New Hampshire allowing her to journey near Midd every several years. "I live in unincorporated Jefferson County in the foothills west of Denver, where I am occasionally visited by deer, fox, or wild turkeys." • From the UK, **Janet Behnken Rawlings** writes that she recently retired from an environment-related job in the recycling industry (environment, health, and safety manager at a plastics recycling plant). She remains very proud of having helped to set up and run Wales's first plastics recycling plant. "We granulated and sterilized postconsumer plastic bottles and sold the resulting rPET flake back to the food packaging industry—proper closed-loop recycling! It took 10 years and four owners but by the time I left the plant was running profitably and providing much-needed employment in the former coal-mining valleys of South Wales. Last year, after 10 years of hard work, I was tired and in need of a rest. Three months later COVID-19 came along and provided a bit more peace and quiet than I'd envisaged. There's been *plenty* of time for gardening and to pursue hobbies like spinning and weaving, thanks to COVID restrictions here. A spring hiking trip to the Lake District with **Peter Marshall** got canceled by COVID but I made it to my middle son's wedding in Switzerland in September. My British-American son married a Swiss girl of Thai-German heritage. A good, multicultural marriage!" • Also retiring after a long career is **Lise Lutz Noyes**. "I retired from Kaiser Permanente Southern California in April after 38 years as a family medicine physician assistant. Obviously, I loved the job and my colleagues and found clinic medicine engrossing. The last five years I was also involved with the Quality Improvement Committee, which looked at improving clinical outcomes and provider education in specific scenarios. This exposure certainly strengthened my clinical skills." Lise and husband Norm celebrated 42 years of marriage in December; they were married in St Stephen's Episcopal Church in downtown Middlebury. "We moved to the San Diego area after I completed the PA program at Yale and I thought it would be a lark to live in California for a few years. We never left. Our three kids are settled here as well. Norm and I still have our cross-country skis (hickory) that we purchased at the Ski Haus in Middlebury. If you know of anyone who is in need of a set or two, let us know, we would love them to have a home. Lots of good memories skiing up at Blueberry Hill." Lise has become an avid yoga practitioner and is thankful for Zoom yoga allowing her to continue study. And, as is true for all of us, well-laid plans have been upended. "We had planned a retirement filled with hiking and travel, which is of course on hold due to COVID, but hopefully will still have a chance to be fulfilled. Thankfully, we were able to hike the Inca Trail and visit Machu Picchu in 2019." • Peru appears to be a thing with our class! **Mark Cater** also did the Inca Trail last September! Mark writes that he remarried five years ago and now has three grandkids with one more on the way and two happily married and successful daughters. (His "new" wife of five years has two sons, and all offspring live in Minnesota, so they see them often.) Mark sold his company and retired in January just in time for COVID and is making the best of it by spending a lot of time on the lake and in the hot tub at their cabin in western Wisconsin. While the trip to Peru was most recent, Mark has had interesting travels: "I was at the Berlin Wall (Brandenburg Gate) the night it opened up in 1989, which was the historical highlight of my travels. I still have a piece of the wall that I chiseled out that night thanks to a nice West German tradesman who offered me the tools." • **Susan Patterson Nichols** and husband Peter '76 moved to New Hampshire last fall after 30 years in the Boston area. "We had been coming to the New London area for many years, thanks to **Susan Pevear** who introduced us to a small community on a lake, near ski areas. We had hoped to spend time visiting children and grandchildren who are scattered around the country, but instead we now have lots of time for hiking, skiing, and reading. We feel very fortunate to live in a quiet, relatively healthy small town." While still unable to visit her grandchildren (five with one more on the way—all under five years of age), Susan spends a lot of time reading to them and doing activities through an app called Caribu. "It's a silver lining to COVID times—we see each other many times a week and I entertain the older ones when the littles nap." Like many others, Susan and Peter adopted a new member of the family, with four feet. "Otis is a young yellow Lab pup who joins our older dog, Atticus. They both are keeping us very busy and I wonder how it was that we always had multiple dogs with three children in the house?"(!) • Also reveling in grandchildren is **Clare Pierson**. "My youngest grandkid just turned two; I see her a few times a month. Our step-grandkids, who are eight and three five-year-olds, are close by and we see them frequently. I'm very involved in local politics as a district leader (elected party official)." Claire is also involved in a couple of nonprofits and happily involved with her large family and looks forward to seeing more of them in the future, as well as the Middlebury crew. "I'm also running a small herbal products business and I sell at our local farmers market, which gets me outside to forage as well as keeps me involved in the local economy in a fun way." • **Wendy King Bellows** writes that following graduation, she went to the Bay Area, where she worked for Hewlett-Packard for eight or nine years, before moving to Phoenix, Ariz., to be with her future husband. "I got married in 1987, had two kids in the next five years, and we remain married to this day. While raising kids, I worked at a variety of jobs, but mostly as a technical writer, as well as helping with the payroll, etc., for my husband's business. About five years ago, we'd had enough of the heat in the Phoenix area and moved up to Payson, a small town about 90 miles northeast of Phoenix, where it is consistently about 15 degrees cooler than the valley. We're surrounded by mountains, have four relatively mild seasons, and enjoy the elk who wander through town. For the past year-and-a-half I've been working for Lexia Learning (owned by Rosetta Stone, which is merging with Cambium Learning) as a proposal manager, with a focus on state initiatives. It's full time from home, so my life, although changed as has everyone's, hasn't changed all that much in these times of COVID. The job is stressful (as anyone who has worked on responding to RFPs, etc., knows) and I relieve some of that stress by going swimming several times a week at a local gym that has a pool. (You might remember I was on the swim team at Midd.) Our son is a video producer for Meredith Corp, living in Los Angeles, and our daughter is a Google Ads account strategist for Solutions 8, working from home and living in San Diego." • **Christy Klein** has been a professor at the Univ. of Florida College of Law in Gainesville since 2003, specializing in environmental law. She says, "Gainesville is a wonderful college town with live oak trees and Spanish moss and not the landscape most people envision as 'Florida.'" Christy and husband Mark Ely spend summers at their home in Boulder, Colo., and enjoy hiking, kayaking, and swimming. "I have absolutely loved my career and environmental students, but I also look forward to retirement in just a couple more years." • **Mark Efinger** shared his approach to retirement: "After Midd, I joined the Army, fulfilling my ROTC scholarship commitment." While serving in Germany, Mark met his wife, to whom he has been married for 40 years. "Together, we have three great boys all now in their 30s and making a living as artists. We are currently living in the Berkshire Mountains in the log home that the two of us built ourselves log by log." They live off the grid and heat with firewood. Mark works online, coaching kids on how to do interviews, but is now pondering the next adventure. "The homestead is for sale. We know it will take a special buyer and are not holding our breaths. We have no idea where we will go, but we have lots of exciting ideas. We just need the world to reopen to Americans. Yup, we plan to travel, and we are pretty excited about all the places we will go. So with that in mind, I'd like to ask the classmate wisdom: where have you traveled that was most fulfilling? We are hanging out in the hills and making a list." (Great question for our class Facebook page!) • And, finally, some quick notes: **Jane Leggett** recalls chatting at Reunion about plans and notes that she is STILL pondering retirement. "I've got two big concerns: 1)

Financial: will I be able to do the things I want with less money and more time? And 2) Many years without a 'career.' I've also always dreamed about holding at-risk babies in my retirement; I doubt either of my girls will provide me with grandchildren but I'm not going to prod them unless that's what they really want." • And **Joyce O'Donnell Maroney** retired last June from her job running a workplace think tank. "I wrote one of my final articles about retiring into a pandemic. I'm as eager as all of you to resume a more active life once we get beyond the virus!"

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I had a nice series of emails with **Gary Powell**, who reports that after decades in Seattle, he has moved to Encinitas, Calif., just north of San Diego. • I'd love to hear updates from other classmates as well. Please send me your news! Meanwhile, check out a mini-reunion photo on page 83.

—Class Correspondent: Henry Heyburn(hrheyburn@hotmail.com).

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Our congratulations go to **Lawrence Welkowitz**, who as a Democrat ran for election to the New Hampshire House of Representatives to represent Cheshire 4 and won. He assumed office on December 2, 2020, for a two-year term. • **Ernest Freeberg** has published a new book titled *A Traitor to His Species: Henry Bergh and the Birth of the Animal Rights Movement.* To read more about it, go to middleburymagazine.com, click on Review, and check out the Editors' Picks for November and December. Ernest is a professor of humanities and head of the History Dept. at the Univ. of Tennessee. • **Kimberly Winick** writes, "My stepmom died September 26, and I ended up spending nearly a month in Connecticut. Her passing was timely, as her last months were miserable. While in Connecticut I was able to attend to my duties as executor of her estate and to sell the townhome that my brother and I bought for her to live in. I also got to witness the colorful arrival of autumn, and to visit several friends, appropriately social distanced and outdoors. A special treat was a visit with **Pam Roller Richardson**. Usually she and husband Ken head to their Florida home in early fall, returning to Weatogue for the winter holidays. This year they returned north at the start of summer but remained in Connecticut, confined by COVID and dissuaded by Florida numbers from heading south. Instead they are staying in their Weatogue home and heading south in the new year, to be followed immediately by a flight from Florida to Arizona to visit their new grandchild. Pam and Ken are sheltering in place with son Eric, who runs errands to help them minimize their exposure to public spaces. And when they are in Florida, he takes care of the homestead, and keeps the voracious black bears at bay!" Check out a photo of Pam and Kimberly on page 70.

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REUNION CLASS Plans are being made to have a "virtual" Zoom Reunion this spring with topics of interest to our class. In addition, we hope to schedule informal (not Middlebury sanctioned) regional in-person reunions for our class (COVID permitting). Please contact me (**Alice**) if you would like to be involved in the planning or could host a Zoom or regional get-together.

—Class Correspondent: Alice Tower Knapp (a.knapp.a@gmail.com).

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Two Class of '82 leaders of the Midd Activities Board are working together again after all these years: **Lisa Kissinger Kaplan** (former MCAB president) and **Paul Brumbaum** (VP and concert committee chair) are helping lead a monthly feeding program that serves 100 hot meals and 80 bag lunches to homeless and hungry residents of Berkeley, Calif. It's a small but concrete response to a big problem that unfortunately is growing in the C19 era. And a challenging yet rewarding project—a lot like putting on a concert in the Field House! • **Jocelyn Senior** writes, "I'm a PR consultant with my own business, which I started a number of years ago, working primarily with architects and designers, branding agencies, and market research companies. My husband and I live in Epsom, England, about 15 miles from London with our 16-year-old boy/girl twins who have just started in the Sixth Form (equivalent to junior year of high school). Epsom is famous for two things—the original Derby, run on the Downs since the late 18th century, and Epsom salts (magnesium sulfate). We're lucky to be living near the heavily wooded Surrey Hills, much of which has been designated an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, where we take our rescue dog for walks. Prelockdown, we would travel around Europe and back to the U.S. on a regular basis, and we're looking forward to the day when we can do that again." • **Kate Kennedy** shares, "I retired in June 2020 after 31 years of teaching chemistry and physics at the high school level. I was so lucky to have great students and inspiring colleagues here in Ashland, Ore. Teaching was a great career for me, and teaching has gotten so much more difficult. Five years ago my husband asked what I wanted to be doing my first fall out of the classroom. I said I wanted to be rowing the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon." Kate was incredibly lucky to pull a permit 18 months earlier and they took the 21-day trip in the fall. After the Grand Canyon she was hoping for a great snow year to do a lot of skiing and hiking. • We are sorry to report that **Michael Sanford** passed away on November 26. At Middlebury he was a poli sci major and played football. He lived in St. Croix in the U.S. Virgin Islands for over 30 years. Longtime friend John Commins '83 sent this memory of Mike: "A few years back, Mike invited me down to his home on St. Croix for a weeklong sail through the British Virgin Islands aboard *Entropy*, his 38-foot Beneteau. One night, moored off the Bight Bay on Norman Island and following a day of revelry, Mike lit a cigarette and stood on the gunwale to test the wind before heading below. Just then, *Entropy* caught the wake of a passing boat and Mike pitched headfirst into the dark waters, the cherry on his cigarette tracing the arc of an impressive sailor's dive. I laughed, of course. My laughter faded, though, when Mike failed to resurface after an uncomfortably long time. Finally, his head popped up and he spat out a healthy dose of seawater. 'Mike!' I shouted. 'Are you OK? Why were you down there so long?' 'I'm good,' Mike replied, as he dog-paddled to the stern ladder. 'I wanted to finish my cigarette.' I am sad to report that we lost this funny, decent, loving bear of a man in late November, seven months after he was diagnosed with an aggressive form of pancreatic cancer. He will be missed by all who knew him. Rest in Peace, dear friend." • In the fall notes, **Jon Anderson** sent the sad news that **Curt Ehler** passed away last August and he talked about the great times they'd had on their Midd boys trips over the years. He also sent a photo you can check out on page 65.

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Please send us your news! We'd love to hear from you!

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If you have any news you'd like to share, please send it to us!
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Tory Rockefeller Philip sent the news and a photo of her son Harry's marriage to Andrea Doyle in September 2019. You can see the photo on page 84. • And check out another photo with a classmate in it on page 65.
—Class Correspondents: Ruth Lohmann Davis (ruth.davis63@gmail.com); Denah Lohmann Toupin (denaht@comcast.net).

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REUNION CLASS Congratulations to **Charlotte Lindsay Maybury,** who retired a couple of years ago from teaching French and Spanish after 25 years, mostly in Golden, Colo. She reports, "I'm enjoying not having to get up so early! In March, I had heart valve replacement surgery for a malformed bicuspid aortic valve. Apparently 1 in 100 has this so let me know if you would like more details. Before surgery, I was lucky enough to spend a week in Paris revisiting old haunts from junior year there—looking forward to being able to travel more." • **Kelley Meade** reports that she is busy as a pediatrician at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital in Oakland, Calif., and also works administratively in the Dean's Office at UCSF. She is happy to be "pulled back" to Vermont because her youngest child, Gabby (19), is a sophomore at the University of Vermont and is on the dressage team. • Please join our Facebook page; search Middlebury Class of 1986 to stay connected, share with classmates, and get the latest updates on Reunion, which unfortunately will be virtual this year again.
—Class Correspondent: Heather Pierce Post (heatherdpierce@gmail.com).

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If you have news to share, please send it to us!
—Class Correspondents: Tom Funk (tomfunk@gmail.com); Elizabeth Ryan O'Brien (obrien@bigwhoop.com).

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Please send us your news! Classmates want to know what you've been up to.
—Class Correspondents: Anya Puri Brunnick (abrunnick@gmail.com); Claire Gwatkin Jones (gwatkojones@gmail.com).

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Please send your news so we can all stay in touch.
—Class Correspondent: George Baxter (george.baxter@me.com).

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Gretchen Eisele is still working in TV as a production and development executive. In the past few years she has overseen series for National Geographic, History Channel, and Science Channel, and has been the executive producer for a few big live events, including Nik Wallenda's tightrope walk across Times Square in 2019 for ABC, and the recent live coverage of the new Space X rocket launches and returns for Discovery and Science Channel. Gretchen made a big pivot in November by joining the FOOD Network, so she'll be trying her hand at lifestyle programming for the first time. Otherwise, Gretchen is still living in Westchester, N.Y., and became an empty-nester last year. "I've got one kid at Bucknell and the other at Lehigh, so we would be spending a lot of time in Pennsylvania if it weren't for COVID, which has meant the kids are home a lot more than they should be. I've been catching up with Midd friends on Zoom throughout the pandemic. It's been one of the bright spots, and a lot easier than trying to

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find a date to get together in person. Looking forward to our re-do Reunion in the spring—hopefully!" • **Tim Soos** announced the birth of his daughter, Julianna, on November 4, taking the crown of oldest new dad from **Carl Trotto**. Julianna and mom have been doing great. Carl conceded the crown without incident. • **Caroline Berry Manogue** is on the board of Covis Pharma, a global specialty pharmaceutical company based in Luxembourg. On the side, she and some friends started a new venture called Bay Head Needlepoint—follow them on Instagram! Caroline, husband Christopher, and kids Samantha and Phineas report to be managing the lockdown well. • **Leanne Potvin Fesenmeyer** recently joined Michigan-based Stryker Corp. as principal executive search partner. She continues to be based in Englewood, Colo., with husband Dan and sons Will, Lucas, and Ryan. • In early January, **Doug Meyer** left First Eagle Investment Management after 13 years and is taking an extended vacation for all of 2021. He's excited to be spending time with his eighth grade daughter and helping out with his wife's new home goods company Porch + Hall (www.porchandhall.com). • There's a growing population of classmates' kids attending Wake Forest Univ., including the daughters of **Tim Berry** (Ella) and **Doug Meyer** (Reagan) and the son of **Irene McDonnell Ayotte** (Robert). Be on the lookout for one another once the lockdown ends! • **Amy Leith** is head of Global Markets marketing at Bank of America and recently received the Markets Media 2020 Women in Finance award for marketing and communications. Her son, Nikolas, is now 14 and attends the United Nations International School (UNIS) in NYC, where he's studied since the sixth grade. He loves it and has friends from all over the world. "We chose it for the diverse and inclusive environment, the international education, and the IB (International Baccalaureate) curriculum." Students study two languages! Amy's son is doing German and French. • Our Reunion co-chairs **Mike Chorske**, **Kristen Potter Farnham**, and **Greg Frezados** shared the following: "Unfortunately, the College has had to cancel in-person Reunion again this year. While we're sorry to not be getting together with everyone in June, stay tuned for updates regarding a virtual get-together in the coming months. Thank you for your support across two Reunion years!"
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REUNION CLASS **Hector Hill** sent word that he has published a Y/A novel called *Lost One Standing,* the first in a thriller series that revolves around teen Cade Dixon. The book was named to the *Kirkus Reviews* Best Indie Books of 2020 list and is a 5-Star *IndieReader Approved* pick. It's Hector's second project with Waterfall Films after the coming-of-age film *Greener Mountains.* His other screenwriting work includes *Limited Partnership,* which was an Academy Nicholl Fellowship semifinalist. He is working on the follow-up book to *Lost One Standing.*
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Sarah Stewart Taylor has published a new novel, *The Mountains Wild,* a mystery thriller starring homicide detective Maggie D'Arcy. You can read more about it at middleburymagazine.com in the November/December Editors' Picks in the Review section. She is also the author of the Sweeney St. George series.
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After two decades in television news and sports video production, **Rob Merrill** became a "Union Man" in September 2020, accepting a job as director of communications for the Public Employees Federation (PEF) in Albany, N.Y. PEF is New York State's second-largest public sector union, representing 51,000 workers across the state. Nearly 20 percent of the membership are nurses and scientists working on the front lines of the fight against COVID-19, so Rob reports, "It feels good to do good." • **Martha Rhode Hayward** left Fidelity in 2018 after 13 years there in various marketing and strategy roles. She reports she has now embraced the highs and lows of owning her own business, establishing Bird Dog Insights, where she provides qualitative market research and strategy consulting to enterprises large and small. Martha loves the variety as she gets to do things as diverse as helping clients understand consumer preferences for hair dye, testing prototype medical devices, and creating a growth strategy for a funeral home. Not content with owning just one business, this year she created and launched a second business, CollegeCareGifts.com, which offers care packages for college students and remote learners. Martha would like to think this officially makes her a mogul, but knows it keeps her very busy at any rate and she says there's nothing like being your own boss! • **Andy Bozzo** is the Contra Costa County, Calif., fire captain and has been fighting fires on the West Coast for over 20 years. Recently, he also became an entrepreneur when he cofounded Tablet Command, a digital device that tracks fires and creates notifications in real time for responders in the field. Read more about Andy at middleburymagazine.com in the Pursuits section.
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In 2018, **Andrew Hayes** designed and built a new home (ridgelinehouse on Instagram) in Yarmouth, Maine, with his wife, Ann (Amstutz) '96, and their children, Owen (13) and Brooklyn (11). Andrew hopes to design more passive houses in Maine and beyond with his design firm, ECHOSTUDIO. Ann is the senior vice president of partnerships at Scholastic, where she has worked for the past 22 years. She works remotely from Yarmouth but can often be found in NYC and Washington, D.C. • **Jake Kritzer** moved in 2016 from Boston to Durham, N.H., with his wife, Brooke, and seven-year-old daughter, Rosalita. Once they settled in, they adopted two dogs, Poppy and Camilla. This past summer, Jake closed the door on a 16-year stint with the Environmental Defense Fund and became only the second executive director of the Northeastern Regional Association of Coastal Ocean Observing Systems, or NERACOOS. It's a great organization that works with a wide range of government, academic, and private sector partners to apply technological tools to understanding our changing oceans. In the Granite State, Jake is closer to **Sean Kerwin** but still within striking distance of **Ollie Truog** and **Zac Laidley** down in Massachusetts, and he sees all of them with some regularity (when the world allows). The Kritzers also catch up with **Brendan Fitzsimons** and **Cisco Heller** by Zoom regularly.
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REUNION CLASS **Erika Schubert Bachiochi** recently founded and directs the Wollstonecraft Project at the Abigail Adams Institute in Cambridge, Mass. Her newest book, *The Rights of Women: Reclaiming a Lost Vision,* was the fruit of a yearlong fellowship at Harvard Law School and will be published by Notre Dame University Press in July. She and her husband are the happy parents of seven children, ages 19 to 2. • **Neil Matthews** reports, "My wife, Anne, and I moved from Chicago to San Diego amidst the pandemic and are enjoying life on the West Coast. I am working on a few new projects with Midd grads **Taylor Mahony**, Clint Bierman '97, Jeff Vallone '98, and Peter Day '01, and it's been nice to connect with Midd people again. Can't wait for Reunion, guys!" • It was terrific to hear from **Laura Thomas** who shares, "Hi friends! My husband and I (and our two dog babies) have moved to Austin! I'm running a dog behavior program at a progressive animal shelter, Austin Pets Alive. If you're in Austin, look me up! Not that I'll hang out with you during a pandemic, but at least I'll know that I know somebody in Austin." • **Shelley Sayward** was recently promoted to general counsel at Casella Waste Systems, a publicly traded company based in Vermont. She shares time between Killington, Vt., and Lake Winnipesaukee, N.H., with her partner and their two dogs, and makes frequent visits to Midd. • Check out a pandemic version

of a mini-reunion on page 70. And stay tuned for more news about our 25th Reunion.
—Class Correspondent: Humberto Garcia-Sjogrim (humbertogs@gmail.com).

97 Congratulations to **Shenna Bellows**, who was elected as Maine's secretary of state, the first woman to do so in Maine's 200-year history. Calling it her dream job, she feels she has been preparing for it her entire career. Besides leadership roles with the ACLU, Learning Works, and the state Holocaust and Human Rights Center, she has served two terms in the Maine Senate and won reelection to a third term in November. • **Ryan D'Agostino** is the editorial director, projects at Hearst and previously served as editor in chief at *Popular Mechanics* and articles editor at *Esquire*. His recent story "This Is Joe Biden When No One Is Watching" was published on *Esquire.com* on Election Day eve and chronicles Joe Biden's comforting phone calls to Ryan as he was facing his son's diagnosis with leukemia. Ryan writes, for those who have asked about his son, "After I wrote that piece, many people asked how my son was doing. He's still fighting, wakes up smiling each morning. He has a long way to go, and damage was done, but we're inspired by his strength daily. Thank you all." Ryan also recently wrote in *Esquire* about his Midd classmate, **Justin Elicker**, who is the mayor of New Haven, Conn., in an article about New Haven during the early days of the COVID-19 crisis. Thanks for sharing, Ryan. We wish you and your family all the best. • **Abe Cary** sent word that his good friend and our classmate **Todd Hankinson** was elevated to chief of neurosurgery at Children's Hospital in Colorado. Another Midd grad and close colleague of Todd's is Tim Bernard '94, who is chief of neurology.
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98 **Erin Mara O'Bryan** is the vice president of talent management at BJ's Wholesale Club and she was recently profiled in Chief Learning Officer. She previously worked 18 years at Staples, where she focused on improving customer satisfaction, then moved to the role of director of learning and development for retail stores. By the time she joined BJ's, she was the senior director of learning and development. She has already made a huge impact at BJ's. • **Seth Green** writes, "On December 3, I married Sari Eisendrath atop a hill in Marin County (north of San Francisco), with a view of Mt. Tamalpais to the west. We were joined by our dogs Arlo and Betsy, family and friends via Zoom, and the ceremony was officiated by Mark Farrell, former mayor of San Francisco. We live in nearby San Rafael and spend our free time (a lot of it, this year) running our energetic dogs and maintaining our 1906 Craftsman home."
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99 **Sara Doniger Parent** writes, "I was elected to the board of education in Darien, Conn., in November. The pandemic and rapidly shifting state guidelines and learning models has certainly made for an interesting start to that role! **Greg** has been at Morgan Stanley for close to 15 years now. He hasn't stepped foot in NYC since last March, but has made himself quite comfortable in his home office. Elizabeth (13) and Catherine (11) have managed to survive remote and hybrid learning thus far. All of us have had to adjust to spending a much greater amount of time together! We look forward to a much brighter 2021, hopefully filled with lots of travel to see Midd friends!" • It is with great sadness that we learned of the passing of **Elizabeth Frankel** on January 12, 2021. Liz was a force of great kindness in our class and in the world. Liz's life's work was helping unaccompanied immigrant children from all over the world, particularly through her roles as an attorney and advocate at the Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights, where she was part of a trio of attorneys who developed and implemented an entirely new model for advocating for the rights of immigrant youth. She was passionate about her work with the children, training volunteers to serve as their advocates, and teaching law students at the University of Chicago Law School. Liz is survived by her partner Thomas Kasa and her beloved stepdaughter, Katie, and by her parents, Michael and Joan Frankel, her sister Sarah (Ben Kroger) and brother Jonathan (Katherine Hunsberger), a large extended family, and friends and colleagues, all of whom loved and admired her. We will remember her for her generous smile and her endless kindness.
—Class Correspondents: Erin Harrington (erindorie@gmail.com); Peter Steinberg (captfun99@gmail.com).

00 Despite incredibly challenging times for our world, members of our class are still out there doing great things. **Heather Crofts Boyhan** reports, "My husband and I opened AlignLife Chiropractic and Natural Health Center in Asheville, N.C., in October 2019. A week later we had our third child, Boston Rose. I have been practicing pediatric craniosacral therapy for almost 10 years now and absolutely love it! Grateful for the guidance from Andrea Olsen, my Middlebury advisor who introduced me to this mindfulness journey. If anyone is in the Asheville area, please reach out, I would love to see some familiar faces! I am missing my dear friends, **Sheramy Peltier Tsai**, Hedda Berntsen '99, **Lara Dumond Guercio**, and **John Giannacopolous**. • **Anne McDonough** is the deputy director of the D.C. History Center, where she started part time providing research assistance in 2012 and most recently served as library and collections director. She's fallen in love with D.C. since moving there in 2002 and along with her husband, Hugh (who teaches English to adult immigrants), is raising two third-generation Washingtonians: sons James (8), obsessed with ant farms and making armor out of Amazon boxes, and Henry (3), lover of all things Billy Goats Gruff. Anne writes, "As we don't have voting representatives in Congress, the whole family implores those who do to advocate for their representatives to support D.C. statehood to ensure full citizenship for residents of the nation's capital!" • Also in the nation's capital, former Obama advisor **Brian Deese** has been named director of the National Economic Council, President Joe Biden's top economic adviser. Congratulations, Brian! • I would love to hear what you've been up to! Send updates to me at the email address below.
—Class Correspondent: Jennifer Crystal (jennifercrystalwriter@gmail.com).

01 **REUNION CLASS** **Molly Holmberg Brown** reports, "I live in Cape Elizabeth, Maine, married with two kids and still make maps! MollyMaps was featured in *DownEast Magazine* in January, so lots of new business, very often from Midd alums. Thanks guys!" • **Stephen Joyce** completed his PhD in government from the University of Texas at Austin in spring 2020. His achievement was celebrated by his wife **Rebecca** (**Moultroup**) and their three children: Leo (14), Augustine (10), and Rosalie (6). The Joyces live in Vermont. • **Lisa Mase** reports, "Ryan Mase (Class of 2000, formerly Ryan Case) and I had our second baby, Luca, and he just turned one! Our daughter, Nadia, will be five in February and our lives are full of joy. Ryan has been organizing Zoom dance parties for folks far and wide and we would love any Middlebury alums who want to join to email us and let us know!" • **Susanne Fogt Paul** writes, "This spring our family is relocating from Washington, D.C., to Mount Desert Island, Maine, for my husband's new job at the College of the Atlantic. We are excited to join the community there and to have Acadia National Park as our backyard. If anyone is in the area, please say hello!" • **Casey McCann** and wife Melissa are living in Santa Barbara, Calif., with their three children. They spend a lot of time with **Ben Sprague** and **Carlos Lopez-Hollis** and their families, who are all doing well! • **Mariah McKechnie** shared that at the start of the pandemic in March 2020, a group of Midd friends set up a standing Zoom meeting for Saturday nights to keep them connected during a stressful time. "It's been one of the best silver linings of the whole ordeal. **Christopher Mitchell** has hosted the group without exception and the attendees have included, on a regular basis, **Brian** and **Elizabeth Padgett Northrop**, **Russell Costa**, **Tom** and Abi Butler '00 **Marks**, **Dauvin Peterson**, **Dave Binnig** and **Ruth Howell**,

Mike Alonzo, Reid and Jennifer Cupani Porter, Ben Howe '03 and Maressa Perreault '03, and myself." • Kate Collins-Manetti is still living in Florence, Italy, where she has been based since graduating from Middlebury, with her husband and two children. She manages the studio of Italian photographer Massimo Vitali in Lucca, and has her own travel planning business, though obviously it was a slow year for that! While she missed having international visitors in 2020 (like Phillip Wood-Smith, who has visited almost every year, and Zach Bourque, who visited with family in 2019), she was delighted to enjoy some long-overdue Zoom catch-ups with some of her Midd friends, including Amie Fernandez Lucas, Ann Russell Felton, Claire Bowen Seiler '02, and Kate Irvin Pfeffer.
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We write this update in the middle of October 2020, about 15 days from Election Day. However, even though you are reading this in the future, we will not provide any predictions or spoilers. What follows is a politically neutral class update from alums around the world. • John and Megan Gremelspacher Swindal report that the Rhode Island chapter of the Midd '02 contingent is going strong, though they urge others who reside in the country's smallest state to write in and communicate more regularly with your class correspondents (going so far as to call them "deadbeats"). According to the happy couple, "We regularly see Caitlin Burditt and Noah Bickford as well as Matt Esposito and Derek Chicarilli (in Boston). Ben Williams comes up for a visit from D.C. every now and then. When we are REALLY lucky we might get a visit from Simon Gore (from California) or Andrew and Dana Gordon Dombrowski (from North Carolina). All are well and living the dream that is being 40." • Matt and Leda Smith Sommerville were left homeless due to COVID-19 in August, so they piled two adults, two dogs, and two kids into a minivan in an attempt to visit as many friends as possible, including Molly May and Chris Kautz, Caroline Roy '03, Jen Marlow, Laurie Richmond, Amanda Walker Van Dellen, and Kate Seely. A motorcycle accident in Sturgis, early snow in Montana, and California and Oregon wildfires derailed most of these adventures with the exception of a soak in Brad Corr's hot tub, and brief stints with Hannah Robertson Miller, and with Matt and Heather Beal LaRocca in Vermont, before the Sommervilles moved back to Zambia in October. We're glad they were able to make the most of this very difficult year and connect with friends across the country. • Lee and Eliza Funston '03 Jones moved to Bronxville, N.Y., in September to reconnect with his glory days. He misses California though—as he should. • Megan Crouch (now Dr. Megan Whitman) is an internal medicine physician living in Northern California. Here's more from Megan:

1 In Knoxville, Tenn., Brandi Cawood and Zach Marlette '13 celebrated their wedding on September 28, 2019, with many Middlebury friends: (all '13 unless noted) Natalie Jorgensen, Steve McKenna '14, Kelsey O'Day '15, the newlyweds, Conor Luck '15, Firas Omer '15, Sean McQuillan '15, Leah Fessler '15, Leslie Waldron '17, Kathryn Miller, Leslie Reed-Jones '14, Raj Anand '14, (second row) Matt Lennon, Tyler Pepin, Matt Yaggy '12, Kyle Warner, Ian Lindsay, Owen Witek, David Freiberg '15, and Erik Weidner. 2 Lindsay Oliver '07 married Evan Redden on October 5, 2019, in Sturbridge, Mass. Friends who joined the celebration included (all '07 or '07.5 unless noted) Heather Viani Shenk, Jason Wyman '99, Christopher Abbott, Joanna Lin Conant, Laura Batterink, Bradley Hiebert-Treuer, the newlyweds, Courtney Tabor-Abbott '09, Emily Nelson Tyler, Andrew Einstein, Megan Guiliano, Natalie Guarin '05, and Rachel Greenhaus.

3 Jason Jan '12 married Allie Astolfi '11 on October 5, 2019, in Killington, Vt. On a lovely fall day, they were surrounded by family and friends from all over. Middlebury alums in attendance included Dana Walters '12, the newlyweds, Geena Constantin '11, (second row) Sam Rives '15, Nolan Link '13, Emily Dodge '13, Ben Pruitt '12, Mark Carlough '12, Michael Schmidt '12, Martin Beatty '84, (third row) Lou Cornacchione '13, Daniel Bent '13, and Nick Montello '12. 4 Last January, a group of Midd '79ers got together in Lake Placid, N.Y., to play in a pond hockey tournament, capturing a bronze medal in the over-50 division: Greg Denin (Hamilton '79), Josh Holleb, Andy Woolford, Russell Brackett, Perry Babcock, and Tom Harris.

1 Carolyn Barnwell '07 married Paul Jensen on June 8, 2015, at Sebago Lake, Maine. Enthusiastic Middlebury friends joined the couple in celebration: (all '06 or '06.5 unless noted) Daniel Houghton '04, Megan James '05, Sean Lena, Zoey Burrows, Stephen Jensen, Kat Cooley, (second row) Nicole Grohoski '05, Mark Little '07, Marisa Cawley '05, Courtney Matson, Zsofia Young, the newlyweds, Paul Barnwell '04, MA English '13, Elissa Denton, Tamara Jacobi, Becky Cushing-Gop, and Gita Eglite-Wilson '09.5. 2 Michael Morris '13 and Lucie Fink got married at the Parrish Art Museum in Water Mill, N.Y., on September 21, 2019. They had been dating for 10 years, including five years long-distance throughout their college experiences. Friends celebrating with the couple included (all '13 unless noted) Andy Dittrich, Robbie Shimasaki, the newlyweds, Zoe Parker, Brittney Faber Oberrender, (second row) Virginia Adams '15, Nick Libbey, Matt Dengler, Grant Nishioka, Tyler Buckingham, Mike Joseph, and Will Oberrender.

3 On September 21, 2019, Harry Philip '13 married Andrea Doyle at the Essex County Club in Manchester by the Sea, Mass. Middlebury friends and family celebrated with the couple: (all '13 unless noted) Mackenzie Stewart, Tory Rockefeller Philip '85, the newlyweds, Beth Rockefeller '82 (second row) Nan Philip '16, Jimin Kang, Ricky Chen, Will Peterson '12, Dustin Weigl, (third row) Misha Gershel, Spencer Burch, Mike Koniares, Meg Storey Groves '85, Tyler Earle, and Nate Beatty. 4 In December 2019, 2002 friends Virginia Snodgrass Rangel and Elizabeth Crook Child and their families met up in Baltimore: Felipe Child, Harry Child, Virginia, Florence and Francis Rangel, Emma Child, Elizabeth, and Luis Rangel.

"Between Zoom kindergarten and taking care of my family (husband Josh and two sons), I am transitioning from clinical medicine to public health and advocacy. I am working closely with Climate Health Now, a group of healthcare providers who recognize climate change as the public health and equity emergency of our lifetimes. We mobilize the trusted voice of health professionals to advocate for a rapid, just transition off harmful fossil fuels toward a healthy, equitable society sustained by renewable energy. Please reach out if you are interested in joining!" • As always, your class correspondents encourage all '02 alums to write in and tell us what you're up to these days. We will publish pretty much anything and we welcome your stories and musings at our class inbox: middlebury02@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you!
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After 16 years of living in the Phoenix area since Middlebury, **Josh Harper** moved back home to the promised land of Southern California! Following careers as an elementary school teacher, youth pastor, and eight years as a professional counselor in a group practice, Josh started his own business in the fall of 2020. In the midst of the coronavirus, Josh opened up a private practice counseling business, Wave After Wave Counseling, in Laguna Hills, Calif. Josh specializes in a variety of mental health disorders affecting kids, teens, young adults, and families. • **Athenia Fischer-Rodney** was nominated for and won the Robin Hood Foundation Heroes of New York Award. She was featured on December 1 on all network stations, where her philanthropic story was shared with the world about all the amazing things she has done with her business Umoja Events in the communities of Brownsville and East New York, Brooklyn. Check out her website at www.umojaevents.com. • **Jean Hamilton** was named a Rising Star, Class of 2020, by *Vermont Business Magazine*. To read more about what Jean has been up to with Skinny Pancake, ShiftMeals, and Everyone Eats, go to middleburymagazine.com and look for the feature "Hunger Fight."
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Let's start with **Natalie Guarin**'s reflections on our missed Reunion last year: "I had dreamed about biking/swimming/hiking around Addison County while catching up with friends at our 15th Reunion last June. Even though that

didn't happen, it's comforting to feel how strongly the connection to Middlebury endures. It's such a treasured place, linked to the dearest of friends. Looking forward to future Reunions when these stormy waters have calmed. I think we'll just have to celebrate doubly to make up for the Reunion missed last year. Sending a big *abrazo* to '05!" We agree! We join Natalie in sending everyone warm hugs and good thoughts! • **Yvonne Chen** is a business development manager for a technology start-up, Atma Connect. For years, she lived in Bali and then Jakarta, where she fundraised for international development projects. She arranged multimillion dollar projects for climate change mitigation and farmer empowerment projects and loved it. With a love for languages—something she developed at Middlebury—Yvonne also learned Bahasa. When she moved back to the Bay Area (versus D.C.) in 2016, few opportunities offered a role that leveraged Yvonne's unique mix of language and international connections. Eventually, a Bay Area colleague introduced her to Atma Connect, a technology start-up that worked in both the Indonesian-speaking and Spanish-speaking world. AtmaGo is a COVID-19 one-stop-shop for information, called a microsite. In Indonesia, where disinformation is rampant, trusted local news sources are critical. Soon other collaborators were signing on to partner with Atma to expand the app in new locations with new innovative features. Since launching in April, thousands of women in Indonesia have been using AtmaGo's COVID-19 site to schedule telecounseling. Mental health is an oft-overlooked issue in the developing world and Atma's telecounseling is one of the few respites women can access. These days Yvonne spends her time at Atma working on launching Atma in Colombia, where over 1 million Venezuelan refugees reside. If you are reading this and want to learn more about the "Facebook-for-Disasters" app that aids Venezuelan migrants, please write Yvonne at yvonne@atmaconnect.org. • In an issue of *Middlebury Magazine*'s "From the Desk of the Editor" email, we discovered that our very own **Lea Davison** was featured in a new podcast that is executive produced and hosted by Jamie Mittelman '10. *Flame Bearers* tells the episodic stories of female Olympic and Paralympic athletes from around the world. Go check it out! • **Adam King** has spent 10 years with big shoe brands (Reebok, Adidas, Wolverine) and is currently with luxury sneaker brand Koio. He reports that being on the ground floor of a start-up has been a thrill! If there are any sneaker entrepreneurs out there, he'd love to connect and help. Please contact him at loomislinger@gmail.com. • Baby news! **Lauren Ready Noel** and her husband welcomed Patrick Gabriel Noel into the world on February 28, 2020. He joined big sister Cami (5) and big brother Elliot (2). The family lives in Belmont, Mass. Welcome to the Noel brood, darling Patrick! • **Ted King** and wife Laura moved from the Bay Area back to Vermont and now are thrilled to call Richmond home. They became parents with Hazel Grace King on March 8 as the world then went into lockdown (welcome to the world, Baby Hazel!). With a healthy and happy little family, they then took a two-month road trip to Seattle to meet her maternal side of the family and then visited friends and family from coast to coast. Ted is still in the world of cycling. He retired from traditional professional racing and now is an ambassador for a variety of cycling companies, helping their R&D and product launches. He and Laura run a gravel cycling event, Rooted Vermont. That event is the first weekend in August, so after a knockout inaugural ride in 2019 and a postponed event in 2020, they are optimistic to be back online in 2021. Biking enthusiasts in the Vermont area should check them out! As if all that doesn't keep him busy enough, Ted co-owns a maple syrup company called UnTapped. Their cornerstone product is individual packets of maple syrup, meant for athletes on the go or anyone looking for a little boost. They now have 10 products in their lineup: waffles, drink mix, and energy packets, all with a foundation of maple syrup. Check them out at untapped.cc. • **Allison Beck** tells us that life during COVID has been exciting—in both good and bad ways—for her out in Salt Lake City. Quarantine started off with an earthquake that made her forget about the pandemic (!) on her first day working from home. And just last month, hurricane-force winds ripped through Allie's neighborhood and plucked trees from the ground like Legos. It was a mess! • **Jasmin Johnson** (the Jazzy who emails you) finished up five months of work in Sierra Leone and is now back in Malaysia for another project. She underwent two weeks of strict quarantine in a government facility—what an experience that was! She recently did a guest lecture for a Midd senior seminar with Mike Sheridan (Anthropology of Development) and thoroughly enjoyed it. She also recently cofounded an animal welfare NGO that works in Sierra Leone, Malaysia, and India. Check out Compassionate Paws International at compassionatepaws.org and on all major social media! • **Emmanuel Sabiiti** (the Manny who emails you) continues to enjoy his work at a Boston-based ESG investment firm and recently, while exploring ways to promote diversity and inclusion in the workplace, had the pleasure of meeting Kim Havens '99, cofounder at Kahilla, a company dedicated to inspiring women to embrace growth and adventure.

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REUNION CLASS In a recent PBS *News Hour* interview, **May Boeve**, executive director of the climate justice organization 350.org, discussed the potential impact of Biden's new climate commitments. • Send us your news so we can stay connected!

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Ashley Clark was promoted to deputy director of Health, Human Services, and Criminal Justice for the Office of State Planning and Budgeting in the Colorado Governor's Office last February. • After nearly a decade working as a creative producer and coach in Washington, D.C., **Carolyn Barnwell** returned to Vermont last summer with her husband, Paul Jensen, and menagerie. They bought a home in Woodstock and rural life has brought many surprises, including not being able to get high-speed Internet at home, a flood on Christmas Day, and needing to always have cash and a checkbook again. The community has been welcoming and delightful and 2021 is full of possibilities. Carolyn also sent a photo of her wedding, which you can see on page 84. • After 13 years in the National Football League as a kicker, **Steve Hauschka** retired this past fall. He played for several different football teams, in particular the Seattle Seahawks, where he stayed from 2011 to 2016 and helped secure a Super Bowl win in 2014, and the Buffalo Bills, where he spent three years.

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Please send us your news! We'd love to hear from you.

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If you have news you'd like to share, please send it to us!

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As it did for many people, 2020 threw a wrench into the plans of **Macky Franklin** and Syd Schulz '13.5 this past year. Originally they planned to continue their nomadic lifestyle as professional mountain bike racers and YouTubers (their channel is called Syd and Macky), living out of their van and traveling from race to race. But in late March, as race after race got canceled and it became clear that the race season would be limited or nonexistent, they headed back to Macky's family's house in Taos, N.M., and tried to figure out what to do. The first thing they did was to renovate the overflowing "sports shed" on Macky's parents' property and turn it into a space to store and work on their bikes. Then they created a mountain biking board game, called SEND IT! and launched a Kickstarter campaign that raised $50,000 to make the game a reality. Once that was over, Macky decided it was time for an Everesting attempt—a challenge that became popular

with pro bike racers this year. Everesting requires you to climb the height of Everest (29,029ft/8848m) in one ride by riding the same hill or mountain over and over without stopping to sleep—except instead of doing it the usual way, on a road bike on pavement, he decided to do it on a mountain bike at 12,000 feet, climbing Frazer Mountain in Taos Ski Valley 11 times over the course of 18 hours. And then, at the beginning of October, Syd and Macky launched a second YouTube channel called Syd Fixes Bikes, where they share bike maintenance and repair how-to videos filmed in the shed they renovated. The channel has been well received, amassing almost 20,000 subscribers and half a million views since its launch. Now they're settling into off-season training and hoping, as we all are, that 2021 will bring a return to normal and they can get back on the road and do some racing. • **Kerry Reilly** married Robert Bennett on August 22, 2020, in an intimate wedding at her family's home in Beach Haven, N.J. Shannon Reilly Fidyk '97 served as her matron of honor and Brian Reilly '02 performed the homily and blessing. **Maeve McGilloway**, **Emma Gardner**, and **Alex Lovett-Woodsum** joined in for celebrations along the way. Kerry looks forward to celebrating with all her Middlebury friends when things settle down soon!

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11 **REUNION CLASS** Congrats to **Gregg Miller**, who was selected as one of Sharebird's Top 50 Product Marketing Mentors for 2021. • **Elise Cohen** recently received her doctorate in clinical psychology from LIU Post after successfully defending her dissertation titled "Parental Experience of Encopresis Treatment: A Qualitative Study." She is working and living in Boston. • Please send us your news! We would love to hear from you!

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12 **Sarah Podrygula** married Allison Parr in January. The two met while summer associates at a law firm in New York and they currently reside in Washington, D.C., where Sarah works as an attorney for the Federal Reserve Board. Sarah and Allison are looking forward to a Midd-alumni-filled celebration after the pandemic. • Check out a photo of a classmate on page 65!

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13 Check out the feature **Ellen Halle** wrote called "The Man Who Saw in Technicolor," on middleburymagazine.com. Ellen writes about her boss at I-DEV International who was killed in a terrorist attack in Nairobi two years ago. • To find out what **Syd Schulz** has been up to during the pandemic, read the 2010 class column.

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14 **Nuttida "Un" Rungratsameetaweemana** sent exciting news: "I recently presented my research project, titled 'Intrinsic network topologies underlie distinct propagation dynamics of focal seizures,' at an annual international neuroscience conference called the Society for Neuroscience Meeting. My work was one of the two selected for the Cell Press's Anuradha Rao Memorial Award this year. This award is usually given to one grad student/postdoc yearly, and it includes the opportunity to join and connect with a group of neuroscientists who have been awardees in the past 16 years." **Un** is a postdoctoral fellow, working jointly

with the Computational Neurobiology Laboratory at the Salk Institute for Biological Studies and with the Human Research and Engineering Directorate at the U.S. CCDC Army Research Laboratory. She earned her PhD in neurosciences with a specialization in computational neuroscience at the Univ. of California, San Diego. Congratulations, Un! • **Kevin Chu** was recently hired as the managing director of the Univ. of Vermont Office of Engagement. He has held several administrative positions at UVM, most recently as strategic innovations and communications lead for the UVM Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources. He's also the founder and president of Sprinticity Athletics. • Since 2018, **Greta Neubauer** has represented District 66 in the Wisconsin State Assembly. In the recent election, she ran for reelection and won. Congratulations!

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15 **Cooper Couch** sent an update saying that on November 7 he married Marty Dunning. "We chose to forego an in-person celebration and got married at Loveland Pass, Colo., with our two dogs as witnesses. We had a virtual reception with family and friends. We also bought our first home, and I started my first job as a PA (physician assistant) in rural family medicine!"

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16 **REUNION CLASS** Please send us your news! We'd love to hear from you.

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17 **Alex Newhouse** is the research lead at the Center on Terrorism, Extremism, and Counterterrorism at the Middlebury Institute. He focuses on right-wing extremism, religious fundamentalism, online extremism and terrorism, and terrorist propaganda. He recently had an article in *theconversation.com* about the events of January 6 called "Far-right activists on social media telegraphed violence weeks in advance of the attack on the U.S. Capitol." Alex earned his master's in nonproliferation and terrorism at MIIS and is currently working on a master's in analytics from Georgia Tech.

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18 In November, **Kaitlin Wood** and her dog, Pemmy, were filmed for an episode of *Wizard of Paws,* a series that shows on BYUtv. The host, Derrick Campana, is a wizard at designing prosthetics that better the lives of animals. Pemmy suffers from a severe leg and hip injury from being hit by a car so Kaitlin answered a casting call for animals to be featured in the second season of the show and Pemmy was chosen. Campana designed a specific brace for Pemmy and brought it to Vermont, where Kaitlin lives, to fit it on the dog while the interaction was filmed for the show. Kaitlin says the brace was an instant benefit for Pemmy's mobility.

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19 **Tricia Nelsen** and **Harper Baldwin** are housemates in Fairbanks, Alaska, where they live in a dry cabin with their two former sled dogs. Tricia works on permafrost research for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Harper works seasonal positions as a field ecologist and geospatial data analyst at local institutions such as the National Ecological Observatory Network. See photo of them on page 70!

—Class Correspondents: Abigail Browngoehl (abrowngoehl@gmail.com); Megan Mahoney (megmahoney19@gmail.com).

20 I have some updates from classmates: **Thandwa Mdlui** is working as an admissions counselor and volunteering at a mood and cognition lab. • **Julie Huynh** decided to move to a city she's never been to and is now living in Las Vegas, Nev. • **Alyssa Brown** is working as a litigation assistant at Natural Resources Defense Council.

—Class Correspondent: Katelan Newman (katelan.newman@gmail.com).

38 **Jennie-Belle Perry Barr**, 103, of Boca Raton, Fla., on July 22, 2020. A member of Kappa Kappa Gamma, she graduated with a major in theatre and was cast for a brief time in a Broadway play, *The American Way.* She taught drama, speech, and English for 10 years in Norwich, N.Y. In 1955 she was hired as the first women's director at WSYR television in Syracuse, N.Y., hosting a daily morning show called *Women's World.* She continued to enjoy performing in community theater productions and created character monologues involving situational scenarios, which she also performed. Predeceased by husbands Angelo Biviano and Hugh Barr and son Scott, she is survived by sons Fred and Tom, three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include sister June Conklin '42 and niece Carol Conklin Wheelock '67.

45 **Robert C. Clement**, 97, of Santa Rosa, Calif., on July 22, 2020. A member of Theta Chi, he served as a gunnery instructor in the Army during WWII. As part of the 3–2 plan, he earned his degree in chemical engineering from MIT in 1947 and went to work for Shell Oil Co. While working, he earned his JD from Golden Gate Univ. in 1955 and eventually became Shell's general manager of patents and licensing, retiring in 1983. He and his wife were founding members of the Mental Health Advocacy Alliance following the death of their grandson at the hands of police during an episode of mental illness. Predeceased by grandson Jesse, he is survived by wife Phyllis (Vandewater), children Valerie, William, and Thomas '78, seven grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include brother Wesley '42.

49 **Elaine Arrington Miller**, 92, of Marblehead, Mass., on August 23, 2020. A Kappa Kappa Gamma, her first job was teaching French at the Lancaster (Pa.) Country Day School. Moving to Marblehead, she taught fifth grade, and while raising her children, tutored and did substitute teaching. In 1974 she began a full-time job teaching fourth and fifth grade language arts and retired in 1982. Predeceased by husband Robert, she is survived by children Jody, Robert, and Richard, seven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Ferdinand C. Vetare, 94, of Mount Kisco, N.Y., on July 5, 2020. During WWII, he was trained as a radioman and served on board the USS *Olmsted,* an attack troop transport, in the Pacific Theater. A member of Kappa Delta Rho, he earned his master's in English from the Bread Loaf School of English and taught English at the Culver Military Academy in Indiana. He then joined the staff at Valhalla (N.Y.) High School, where he taught 33 years, coached golf, wrestling, and the girls tennis team, and chaired the English Dept. He served Mount Kisco as mayor and

The following is a list of deaths reported to us since the previous issue went to the printers. Full obituaries will appear in future issues of the magazine.

Dorothy Korb Carter '39 . . . . . December 5, 2020
Mary Hickcox Lecko '43 . . . . . January 16, 2021
Jean Bennett Schumaker '44 . . . . . January 2, 2021
Mary Elizabeth Wisotzkey McClellan '45 February 2, 2021
Alice "Faith" Freeman Twombly '45 . . . . . January 3, 2021
Robert J. Sambone '47 . . . . . November 23, 2020
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A. Russell Heaton Jr. '60 . . . . . January 22, 2021
F. Paul Frinsko '61 . . . . . December 14, 2020
Irene Bristol Allen '62 . . . . . December 2, 2020
Josephine Rhodes Bahn '62 . . . . . November 2, 2020
James D. Laird '62 . . . . . December 26, 2020
Suzanne Wright LaTulippe '62 . . . . . January 22, 2021
Janet Richardson '62 . . . . . January 1, 2021
Stephen R. Ames '64 . . . . . December 20, 2020
Geoffrey H. Nichols '64 . . . . . November 25, 2020
Ann Bliss Mygatt '64 . . . . . August 23, 2020
George S. Birdsong Jr. '65 . . . . . November 20, 2020
Virginia Rouleau Eklund '65 . . . . . December 28, 2020
Galen R. South '65 . . . . . November 19, 2020
Peter A. Tufts '65 . . . . . January 1, 2021
Charles H. Minnich '66 . . . . . December 12, 2020
Erik W. Borg '67 . . . . . November 12, 2020
Robin C. Thomas '67 . . . . . December 18, 2020
Janet Harris Warren '68 . . . . . November 13, 2020
David H. Phillips '69 . . . . . November 20, 2020
Andrew W. Streit '69 . . . . . August 10, 2020
Richard L. McCann '70 . . . . . February 5, 2021
James E. Patterson '70 . . . . . January 16, 2021
Larry T. Dixon '71 . . . . . September 10, 2020
Peter M. Wheelock '71 . . . . . January 19, 2021
Lavern "Verne" C. Evans '72 . . . . . January 14, 2021
John H. Coleman Jr. '73 . . . . . January 21, 2021
Joseph E. Corbett Jr. '76 . . . . . December 2, 2020
Thomas A. Howe '79 . . . . . January 26, 2021
Michael J. Sanford '82 . . . . . November 26, 2020
Paul S. Jensen '85 . . . . . November 11, 2020
Elizabeth M. Frankel '99 . . . . . January 12, 2021

GRADUATE SCHOOLS

Ann O'Connell Gebhard,
MA English '57 . . . . . December 29, 2020
Jonathan Aldrich, MA English '64. . . . . January 6, 2021
Robert E. Atwood, MA English '66 . . . December 2, 2020
Robert G. Mathews, MA English '68 . . December 9, 2020
Merton L. Bland, MA French '56 . . . . . January 14, 2021
Victoire Toof Johnson, MA French '59 . . October 9, 2020
Barbara Armstrong Asher,
MA French '60 . . . . . January 23, 2021
Vivien Despotopulos Forbes,
MA French '67. . . . . October 28, 2020
W. Scott Allison, MA French '68 . . . . . January 3, 2021
Margaret M. Turner, MA French '70 . . November 8, 2020
Ronald M. Couturier, MA French '73 . November 29, 2020
Anne Hart Stone, MA French '77 . . . December 11, 2020
Ursula M. Schuster, MA German '69 . November 28, 2020
Conway H. Olmsted,
MA Spanish '60 . . . . . December 11, 2020
Regina Mongelli Ammerman,
MA Spanish '67 . . . . . January 18, 2021
Alex Quiroga, MA Spanish '68 . . . . . January 29, 2021
Kathleen Caldwell Boyette,
MA Spanish '72 . . . . . December 14, 2020
Augustine M. Esposito, MA Spanish '80 . . January 9, 2021
Lori K. Denkewalter, MA Spanish '92 . . . January 22, 2021

trustee and was an active volunteer, earning Citizen of the Year in 2003. He is survived by wife Lois (Tyson) '52, daughters Elaine, Beth, Mandy, and Margaret, four grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

50 **John V. Corbisiero**, 93, of San Antonio, Texas, on July 13, 2020. During WWII, he attended the Merchant Marine Academy and was assigned to the S.S. *Clovis Victory* as engine cadet midshipman, 3rd Class, participating in the invasion of Okinawa. An outstanding athlete in football, hockey, and baseball at Middlebury, he was the first freshman to receive the Hazeltine-Klevenow Award, and he was elected to Waubanakee. Recruited to play football for the Chicago Bears, he eventually decided to sign a professional baseball contract with the Boston Braves. After one season, he enlisted in the Air Force during the Korean War. He then had a successful 30-year military career as a pilot. He also served in Vietnam, completing 106 combat missions, and earned the Distinguished Flying Cross and 10 Air Medals. After attending the Air Force Institute of Technology Graduate School and earning a degree in systems analysis/operations research, he continued his military career in those areas, retiring in 1980. For 10 years he worked in the aerospace industry before beginning a career in real estate. In 2015, Middlebury inducted him into the Athletics Hall of Fame. He is survived by wife Aileen (Moffit), children Teresa, Michael, and Marie, six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Margaret Donnelly Ellis, 91, of Manchester Center, Vt., on July 23, 2020. After a year at Western College, she transferred to Middlebury, where she was a member of Alpha Xi Delta. In 1966, she became the new librarian at Burr and Burton Seminary. Working to expand the facility, she took a closet-sized room and helped turn it into a two-floor state-of-the-art school library. Retiring in 1991, she stayed active in the community, volunteering at Hildene and the Southern Vermont Art Center. Predeceased by husband Homer '50, she is survived by children Joanna '76, Keith, and Laura, and five grandchildren.

51 **David J. Maysilles**, 91, of Keene, N.H., on July 30, 2020. A Sigma Phi Epsilon at Middlebury, he joined the Marine Corps Reserve as a second lieutenant and had a 25-year career, retiring as a lieutenant colonel. He was a veteran of the Korean War, where he flew as an aerial observer, and of the Vietnam War. During this time he earned a master's in administration from George Washington Univ. After his military career, he became the executive director of Kurn Hattin Homes in Westminster, Vt., which provides residential care and on-campus education for disadvantaged youths. He led Kurn Hattin for 18 years, retiring in 1994. He is survived by wife Barbara (Gorham), children Duncan, Catherine, and Bruce, and six grandchildren.

Mary Sellman McIntosh, 90, of West Simsbury, Conn., on July 1, 2020. A member of Pi Beta Phi, she was one of only two women math majors in her class at Middlebury. After working four years in the actuarial field in NYC and three years doing research for the Navy, she began a long career in education, teaching math for over 50 years. She began teaching at Masters School in Dobbs Ferry, N.Y., taught at Westledge School in West Simsbury, then joined the staff at Miss Porter's School, where she spent 25 years teaching math and serving as department chair and director of studies, retiring in 2001. From 1982 until 2000, she was honored with the Elsa Parker Armour Teaching Chair.

Predeceased by husband James, she is survived by children Susan '78, James '79, John '85, and Jane '87, and four grandchildren.

52 **Frank J. Kenney**, 90, of Kennebunk, Maine, on July 13, 2020. After leaving Middlebury, he attended the Philadelphia Textiles School. He then began a career in manufacturing women's clothing. Through his business, the Sporting Tailors, based in Boston, he sold his conservative and classic women's clothing to boutiques up and down the Eastern corridor, including Talbots, Carroll Reed, and Bonwit Teller. He is survived by wife Nancy (Towler), daughter Lisa, and two granddaughters.

53 **Charles E. Jennings**, 88, of Boynton Beach, Fla., and Waitsfield, Vt., on December 15, 2019. At Middlebury, he was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon and played varsity hockey. Following service in the Navy, he worked at Lite Control in Watertown, Mass. In 1982, he and his wife founded Green Mountain Florist Supply in Middlesex, Vt., and grew the business to a second location in South Burlington, Vt. Predeceased by first wife Sue (Valentine) '53, he is survived by wife Nancy (Grant), children Mike '77, Sarah '79, and Tom '83, 10 grandchildren including Peter Jennings '12, and one great-grandson.

54 **Ronald F. Kingsley**, 88, of Schenectady, N.Y., on July 11, 2020. He attended New York Medical College and pursued graduate degrees in school psychology and special education at Syracuse Univ., eventually completing his doctoral degree. He joined the faculty of Kent State University's College of Education and taught undergraduate and graduate classes for 27 years, also conducting research and publishing many articles. Before retiring as professor emeritus, he earned two more master's degrees at Kent State in American history/American studies and American archaeology/anthropology. Moving to Schenectady, he pursued his interest in archaeology. He is survived by former wife Sherry, daughters Mary and Elizabeth, sons Peter and Thomas, and 10 grandchildren.

55 **John H. Fassnacht**, 86, of Chicago, Ill., on July 24, 2020. A member of Delta Kappa Epsilon at Middlebury, he earned an MBA at the Sloan School of Management and a PhD in organic chemistry from MIT, where he was elected to membership in the Sigma Xi Society. He began his career at DuPont Co. in Wilmington, Del., and retired after 30 years with the company. He continued his research with Blue Planet Technologies in Detroit, Mich. After retirement, he and his wife spent three years living on their sailboat and sailing around the Caribbean. He is survived by wife Abigail (Greene), sons Howard and Nathaniel, and two grandchildren.

Nancy Walker Faulkner, 87, of Peterborough, N.H., on June 27, 2020. A Pi Beta Phi, she worked as the director of admissions at Park School in Brookline, Mass., and then at Milton (Mass.) Academy. After a hiatus, she returned to Park as a trustee and the director of development, then later crafted a position as director of publications and archivist. An active and loyal Midd alum, she was awarded the Alumni Plaque in 1987 for her service to the College. Predeceased by husband Kim, she is survived by daughters Emily, Anne '85, and Abigail, and six grandchildren.

Lynn Fisher Markham, 86, of Lunenburg, Mass., on July 24, 2020. She worked as a self-taught accountant and later as a paralegal at Bowmar Larkin Lilly & Barton. She raised show-quality collies, bred award-winning irises, becoming a Master Judge, and collected, restored, and sold antiques and fine federal furniture with her husband. She was survived by husband Peter '55, who then died August 22, and is survived by children Stephanie, Catherine, and Peter.

Peter C. Markham, 87, of Lunenburg, Mass., on August 22, 2020. A member of Kappa Delta Rho, he served two years in the Navy after college. Over his career, he worked in sales and advertising for various newspapers, leveraging his strength in making connections and maintaining relationships. With his wife, he dealt in antiques and fine federal furniture, of which many pieces are on display in local museums. Predeceased by wife Lynn (Fisher) '55, he is survived by children Stephanie, Catherine, and Peter. Deceased Middlebury relatives include brother Stephen '50.

56 **Sally Evens Herrmann**, 86, of Atlanta, Ga., on July 24, 2020. At Middlebury she was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma. After graduation, she worked in the Political Science Dept. at MIT. In 1970 she earned a Master in Librarianship from Emory Univ. and in 1975, she took the position as the first school librarian at the Paideia School, where she built the foundations of the school's library program and taught the love of reading to students for 18 years. An active community member, she was a cofounder of the St. Bartholomew's family shelter, which became Nicholas House and where she coordinated the meal program for 10 years. She is survived by husband Ken, children John, Alan, and Betsy, and four grandchildren.

Mary Gaines McMurray, 86, formerly of Harrisonburg, Va., on August 9, 2020. A Sigma Kappa, she taught English in high schools in Massachusetts, New Mexico, and Kentucky, and at the Thomas Harrison Junior High School in Harrisonburg. Earning her MEd/reading specialist degree at James Madison Univ. (JMU), she began working with students in the JMU Reading Lab, where she remained 21 years, retiring in 1998. In the mid-1980s, with the help of the American Assoc. of University Women, of which she was a member, she brought the Literacy Volunteers of America to Rockingham County. Predeceased by husband William '57, she is survived by sons Price '83 and John, and four grandchildren.

58 **Linda Durfee Dean**, 83, of Glen Mills, Pa., on July 20, 2020. A member of Pi Beta Phi, she taught English at Needham (Mass.) High School for several years. She also later wrote columns for the *Emmaus Free Press* in Emmaus, Pa., and the *Allentown* (Pa.) *Morning Call.* She was an active volunteer in her communities and was involved in politics in the 1970s and 1980s, rising to become president of the Republican Women's Club of Hamden, Conn. A loyal alumna, she worked many years as a class agent and interviewed prospective students for the Admissions Office. She is survived by husband Sheldon '57, children Sheldon, William, and Cynthia, five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Middlebury relatives include sister Lorine Hagar '63, aunt Ella Congdon Purple '32 (deceased), and cousin Lynne Purple Baker '63 (deceased).

Carolyn Hanson Faulhaber, 84, of East Providence, R.I., on June 29, 2020. A member of Alpha Xi Delta at Middlebury, she taught for three years in Georgia and later taught science for many years in the Barrington (R.I.) Junior High and Senior High Schools. A longtime water-quality advocate, she was the cofounder and president of the Pokanoket watershed alliance, whose mission it was to identify polluted sources of water that fed Hundred Acre Cove. She is survived by husband John '57, children Susan, John, and Thomas, and three grandchildren.

Jocelyn "Jock" C. Glidden, 85, of Ogden, Utah, on July 29, 2020. A member of Phi Kappa Tau, he earned his master's in philosophy in 1963 from the Univ. of Edinburgh in Scotland and his PhD in philosophy from the Univ. of Colorado, Boulder, in 1969. That same year he was offered a professorship at Weber State Univ. in Ogden and he taught philosophy for 29 years. An accomplished mountaineer, he was asked to join the USA-USSR Pamir Expedition in 1974 to climb Peak Lenin in the Soviet Union as part of a diplomatic effort to thaw the Cold War. He is survived by son Jesse and wife Marty, companion Josette, and first wife Roberta.

Jon H. Rieger, 83, of Louisville, Ky., on July 16, 2020. After leaving Middlebury, he earned his degree from Miami Univ. of Ohio. After serving two years of active duty in the Navy aboard the USS *Platte* as the navigator and gunnery officer, he earned a master's and PhD in sociology from Michigan State Univ. He continued serving in the Naval Reserve for 24 years, retiring with the rank of captain. His academic career was spent at the Univ. of Louisville in the Sociology Dept., where

he taught rural sociology, sociology of music, social change, and graduate-level research methods. He was also a pioneer in the field of visual sociology. He is survived by brothers Nelson and Dave and their families.

59 **H. Pete Erbe Jr.**, 83, of Leland, N.C., on July 6, 2020. A Chi Psi at Middlebury, he earned an MA in history from American Univ. and an MS in counseling from CW Post. He served in the U.S. Army for 21 years and was stationed in Germany, Vietnam, and Korea and taught history at West Point. In 1980 he was recognized as the Outstanding Military Educator and given the William P. Clements Award. He retired as a lieutenant colonel, having been awarded the Bronze Star and the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry. He then joined Dunhill Personnel System and worked 19 years as a franchise executive in the personnel recruiting field, retiring as VP. He is survived by wife Dana (Parker), children Hank, Peter, Mark, and Lauren, and eight grandchildren. Middlebury relatives include niece Heidi Erbe Dotterrer '06.

63 **Robbye Lee Barrow**, 78, of Baltimore, Md., on August 13, 2020. She began her career in education teaching at the Robert Poole School in Baltimore before running a Montessori School out of her house. After raising her children, she returned to teaching in 1984 and had a 20-year career as a middle school teacher at the Park School in Brooklandville, Md. After retiring she offered adult education courses out of her home and researched, designed, and led exhibits on local history at the Historical Shepherdstown Museum. Predeceased by husband Richard, she is survived by daughter Neysa, sons Christopher, Benjamin, and Joshua, and nine grandchildren.

Carol Dillingham Rivet, 78, of Old Forge, N.Y., on June 27, 2020. A Pi Beta Phi member, she taught special education after graduation. Moving to Old Forge, she and her husband owned W. Floyd Rivet Agency, where she sold real estate for many years. Predeceased by husband Bill and son Mark, she is survived by daughter Nicole '86, son Jeff, and two grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include sister Elizabeth Kress '52.

64 **Ann Bliss Mygatt Stone**, 77, of Boulder, Colo., on August 23, 2020. She was a Kappa Kappa Gamma at Middlebury, before earning her undergraduate degree at Montana State Univ. She earned an MPA from the Univ. of Colorado in 1976 and her law degree from the Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison. Moving to Boulder, she joined the district attorney's office as a deputy district attorney. After several years, she went into private practice and was a founding member of Edwards, Terrill & Mygatt, the first all-female law firm in Boulder. Once retired, she set up the Boulder Law Shop, dispensing insider advice to people representing themselves. She is survived by husband Gary Pavlich, sons Chris and Brian and their families, and stepdaughter Nina and her family.

66 **Sidney A. Patchett Jr.**, 75, of Coconut Grove, Fla., on September 18, 2019. After earning his undergraduate degree in Latin American history from the Univ. of Miami, he trained at the Miami Public Library and earned a Master of Library Science from Florida State Univ. in 1968. He joined the Peace Corps and served as the librarian of St. Lucia (West Indies) Teachers College. Over the next almost 20 years, he held librarian jobs in St. Lucia, Papua, New Guinea, and Malawi before returning to Miami to study law at the Univ. of Miami. Instead of law, he became the director of the Lantana (Fla.) Public Library, where he built up the new library over the next 24 years. He is survived by wife Katrina. Deceased Middlebury relatives include mother Phyllis (Hubbard) '40, father Sidney '41, uncles Eugene '47 and Gilbert '41 Hubbard, aunt Elizabeth Wolfington Hubbard-Ovens '41, great-uncle Eugene Hubbard, Class of 1917, grandparents Moses and Phyllis Hopkins Hubbard, both Class of 1913, and grandmother Lena Goodwin Patchett, Class of 1905.

68 **William A. McCollom**, 73, of Hartland, Vt., on June 29, 2020. A member of Sigma Epsilon, he began his career teaching at Kennett High School in North Conway, N.H., and coaching at Harvard. He then taught at White Mountain School in Bethlehem, N.H., before helping to found Killington (Vt.) Mountain School, where he worked as academic coordinator. After a stint as executive director of Vermont Alpine Racing Assoc. (VARA), he served as the head of school at Killington from 1987 to 1998. His next professional job was as a contributing writer and editor at *Ski Racing* magazine, where he worked 15 years. He was also the author of *The View from the Finish Line.* In 2011, he was inducted into the VARA Hall of Fame, and he was awarded the Paul Robbins Journalism Award from the Vermont Ski and Snowboard Museum in 2011. He is survived by wife Karen (Swenson) '74, son Eric '02 and wife Kristie Gonzalez '02, and two grandchildren.

Stephen A. Orndorf, 73, of Napa, Calif., on July 14, 2020. A Delta Kappa Epsilon member, he earned his MBA at Dartmouth's Tuck School of Business. He worked many years for Kaiser Steel, with his last position as assistant general manager and controller, and when it went bankrupt, he worked as manager of administration for Napa Pipe Corp. He retired from Oregon Steel Mills in 2004. An avid fisherman, he made many fishing trips to the remote jungles of South America, having numerous adventures such as being held for ransom with his brother by a group of Kayapo Indians on the Xingu River in Brazil. He eventually wrote the book *Jungle Fishing Misadventures.* He and wife Karen had two daughters, Erin and Ashley.

71 **Alice Horton Perry**, 70, of Albuquerque, N.M., on June 30, 2020. She had a long career in education, teaching English at Milton Academy, Albuquerque Academy, and Sandia Preparatory School, retiring as department chair. Predeceased by son Sam, she is survived by daughter Emma.

73 **Allan P. Vogt**, 70, of Mount Kisco, N.Y., on August 8, 2020. After graduation, he worked for two years at the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in southern New York, and then he attended SUNY Albany, where he earned an MBA. His professional career included positions at Ogilvy & Mather Ad Agency, Grey Ad Agency, American Home Products, Colgate Palmolive, and Revlon, where he ended his career as director of market research. Predeceased by his immediate family, he is survived by lifelong Middlebury friends Madeleine Phu Dung Li '72, Dag Berntsen, Bob Main, Frank Pallone, and Gail Littlefield Doeberl.

77 **Richard G. Broad**, 65, of West Hartford, Conn., on August 28, 2020. After graduation, he worked two years in Boston, selling books at the Old Corner Book Store. He then taught English at the Watkinson School in Hartford and coached cross-country, soccer, and tennis. Switching careers, he worked at a small educational software company, then joined American Management Systems. He then had a successful career in consulting and project management at CACI, where his work guided the Department of Defense and Veterans Affairs. He is survived by wife Patti (Mantell), daughter Kathryn, and son Benjamin '09. Deceased Middlebury relatives include aunt Frances Whitwell Broad '36.

Jack M. Kendree Jr., 66, of Conway, S.C., on June 28, 2020. He earned his MBA and PhD in real estate and business finance from the Univ. of South Carolina's School of Business and was a professor at Coastal Carolina Univ. Later he was the estate caretaker for Beneventum Plantation near Georgetown, S.C., where he enjoyed gardening and landscaping. He is survived by children Jack, Kara, and Mark, partner Tabitha Hope Russ, and ex-wife Jeanette (Jordan).

Victor C. King, 64, of Hartford, Conn., on July 26, 2020. He had a successful career in information technology with Aetna, then Citigroup, and finally with Travelers, retiring in 2018. He was an accomplished athlete, playing soccer, squash, and golf and cycling all over the world. He loved games and excelled at bridge, becoming a Grand Life Master after winning the 2016 National Mixed Teams Championship as well as other championships. He is survived by brother Kevin and several cousins.

79 **Dean A. Davis**, 64, of Miami, Fla., on July 17, 2020. He spent his junior year abroad at Ludwig Maximilian Univ. in Munich and could speak German, Italian, and Spanish. He worked as the manager of Woodard Antiques in Hopkinton, N.H., and was an accountant in the hotel industry, finishing his career at the Ritz Carlton in South Beach, Fla. He is survived by longtime companion Christian Ayala and his brother and sister and their families.

Patrick J. Durkin, 63, of New York City, N.Y., and Greenwich, Conn., on July 27, 2020. After Middlebury he worked in the political realm on George Bush's presidential campaign in 1980; for Congressman Judd Gregg; and as a speech writer for Donald Regan. Earning an MBA from the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth, he pursued a career in investment banking, working for Donaldson Lufkin and Jenrette (DLJ), Credit Suisse, Barclays, and most recently, Atlas Merchant Capital. His business ventures carried him around the world, from working on telecommunications projects to opening a Moscow office for DLJ. A loyal Midd alum, he served his alma mater in many capacities. He is survived by wife Kristen (Staples), and children Luke, Austin, and Kate. Middlebury relatives include sister-in-law Martha Jacobsen Durkin '78, nephews William '08, Ian '10, and Thomas '12 Durkin, and niece Elizabeth Durkin '14.

80 **John E. Humphries**, 62, of Charlottesville, Va., on August 19, 2020. Earning a medical degree from Johns Hopkins Univ. in 1984, he completed a fellowship in hematology at the Univ. of Virginia then joined the medical faculty there and specialized in bleeding and clotting disorders. He then consulted internationally for the pharmaceutical industry, most recently as a senior clinical consultant at Biologics Consulting. He is survived by wife Anne (Wood) '80 and children Shelley and Erin.

82 **Curt G. Ehler**, 60, of Alton, N.H., on August 18, 2020. A member of Sig Ep, he entered the automotive parts industry after graduating. He then changed professions and enjoyed a long career in financial services, working in the retirement 401k sector. He held several leadership positions, including VP and sales manager in the trust and investment services division at Bank of New Hampshire. Later he returned to the automotive parts industry. He is survived by son Ethan and former wife Sandy Woehr-Blouin. Deceased Middlebury relatives include father Peter '54 and great-uncle Stanley Gage '36.

85 **Donald D. MacKenzie**, 57, of Englewood, Colo., on July 5, 2020. He began his career in NYC, working as a financial analyst at Paine Webber in the mergers and acquisitions group. He specialized in financial institutions, which led him to a career in real estate. He worked for several different corporations, including real estate development firms, then from 1999 to 2009 was the president and CEO of his own company, MacKenzie House, which developed luxury single family homes, multifamily rental properties, condos, and high-end senior housing communities. Most recently he was the president and CEO of Upstream Development. He is survived by wife Suzanne (Grant), and daughters Phoebe '20, Sarah, and Margot.

88 **Michael Chalfin**, 55, of Newton, Mass., on July 2, 2020. Graduating from Brown Univ. School of Medicine with distinction in 1994, he completed his residency in psychiatry at Cambridge Hospital, where he then dedicated himself to caring for underserved, at-risk, and traumatized patients for the next 21 years. He served a vital role in the Psychiatry Dept. as the director of psychopharmacology. He was also an assistant professor at Harvard Univ. He is survived by wife Sharon Jacobs and children Sophie '22 and Max Chalfin-Jacobs.

Kyle S. Knight, 54, of Signal Mountain, Tenn., on August 8, 2020. After earning his PhD in chemistry from Stanford Univ. in 1994, he continued his research during a two-year NIH fellowship at the Univ. of Texas at Austin. He then taught at the Univ. of Tennessee at Chattanooga for 23 years and published articles on his research in international journals. He sponsored the local chapter of Gamma Sigma Epsilon, the national chemistry honor society. He is survived by sons Thomas and Christopher.

04 **Sara Kinsey Wells**, 38, of Sewanee, Tenn., on June 27, 2020. Earning her medical degree from the University of Kansas School of Medicine, she was a urologist and surgeon at Southern Tennessee Medical Center in Winchester, Tenn., and was a member of the American Medical Asso. She is survived by husband Grady and son Charlie, as well as her parents and sister.

19 **John B. Langerman**, 24, of Bethesda, Md., on January 17, 2021. At Middlebury, he was a walk-on member of the Panther baseball team and the statistician for the football team. In 2017 he studied abroad in Copenhagen. He graduated cum laude with a major in American studies and a minor in mathematics. Recently he was working as an account associate for EMI Strategic Marketing in Boston. He is survived by parents Scott '87 and Vicki (Swarthmore '88), sister Jenny '22, and brother Tom (Vanderbilt '24).

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Ella May Jackson, 88, of New Haven, Vt., on December 2, 2020. She spent her youth in northern Maine and Rhode Island and her adult years in

FRANK O. BRUCH
MAY 18, 1929–DECEMBER 17, 2020

Dr. Frank O. Bruch, 91, former College physician and director of sports medicine, died on December 17, 2020, in Middlebury, Vt. At Dartmouth College he pursued a premedical curriculum and was a standout four-year varsity swimmer and diver, earning All-American status and narrowly missing qualifying for the 1952 Helsinki Summer Olympics. After graduating in 1951, he attended Case Western Reserve Univ. School of Medicine, obtaining his medical degree in 1955. He began his medical career in Cleveland, Ohio, in private practice with his brother, Peter. During his time in Cleveland, he was an activist at the height of the civil rights movement and was deeply involved in housing and health issues. A seminal moment in his life was driving Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. around the neighborhoods of the city on a flatbed truck, after Cleveland had denied Dr. King a parade permit.

In 1970, he joined the staff of the University Health Service at the University of Connecticut in Storrs and served as acting director. In 1977, he became the College physician at Middlebury and the director of sports medicine and enjoyed being the team physician for the sports teams, especially soccer and hockey. In addition he was a vocal supporter and the de facto physician for the Long Trail summer league soccer team, which was made up of many Middlebury alumni.

He and his wife were supporters of many nonprofit organizations, including Doctors Without Borders, the NAACP, the ASPCA, Heifer International, Addison County Home Health and Hospice, and Vermont Public Radio. He was passionate about the Cleveland Browns and classic cars and could be seen driving around Addison County in his 1967 Lotus Super 7.

Predeceased by wife Sally (Rounds) and daughter Jennifer, he is survived by children Matthew, Elizabeth, Amy, Sarah, and Josh, nine grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

Connecticut and Vermont. She began her career at Middlebury in June 1984 as a member of the dining room staff. In 1989 she transitioned to server supervisor and in 1990 she transferred to Facilities as a custodian in the library and arts center. She retired in 1994. She married Joseph Jackson in 1953 and they raised daughter JoAnn Brewer, who works in the Center for Teaching, Learning, and Research, and son Joseph, and had several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Sabrina Marie Larrow, 34, of Middlebury, Vt., on December 20, 2020. A graduate of Otter Valley Union High School in Brandon, Vt., she worked from 2004 to 2019 at Mr. Up's restaurant as a prep cook, hostess, and bartender. Joining the College staff in 2019, she worked in Dining Services and was a cashier and clerk at MiddExpress. She is survived by husband Eric and her extended family.

GRADUATE SCHOOLS FACULTY

Edoardo A. Lebano, 86, of Bloomington, Ind., on November 28, 2020. Born in Palmanova, Italy, he attended the University of Florence from 1955–1957. Becoming a naturalized citizen of the U.S. in 1961, he earned a master's in Italian and a PhD in romance languages from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. He taught Italian at the Foreign Service Institute, Dept. of State, the Univ. of Virginia, and the Univ. of Wisconsin-Milwaukee before joining the faculty at Indiana Univ., where he taught from 1971 to 2000, when he retired. He served as the director of the Italian School at Middlebury for nine summers, from 1987 to 1995, and was elected to two terms as the president of the American Assoc. of Teachers of Italian. Author of numerous scholarly publications, he conducted national surveys of the teaching of Italian in the U.S. and lectured widely. He was the recipient of several teaching awards and in 1988, President Francesco Cossiga of Italy conferred upon him the title of Cavalier della Republica Italiana for cultural merit. Predeceased by wife Mary (Vangeli), he is survived by sons Tito Nicola and Mario Antonio, two grandchildren, Nicolas and Alessandra, and two great-grandchildren, Caleb and Claire.

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55 **Jeanne Hodgin Meador**, 94, MA Spanish, of Knoxville, Tenn., on June 24, 2020. For over 35 years, she was a bilingual medical editor for Eli Lilly and Co. in Indianapolis, Ind.

62 **David L. Catron**, 81, MA Spanish, of Kalispell, Mont., on August 24, 2020. He had three careers of about equal length: college professor, book publisher, and financial advisor. In the last 16 years of his life, he served the destitute in Brazil, California, and Hawaii.

65 **Phyllis J. Dragonas**, 89, MA French, of Beverly, Mass., on August 1, 2020. After earning her PhD, she was appointed the director of foreign languages for grades six through 12 in the Melrose (Mass.) Public Schools, where she created the German Exchange Program, which received national acclaim. In 2006, she was appointed deputy superintendent of schools and retired in 2008.

James W. Hammond, 84, MA Spanish, of Waterville Valley, N.H., on July 3, 2020. During the Korean War, he served in the Army. He taught Spanish and German, chaired the language departments, and coached football, wrestling, and lacrosse at both Mercersburg (Pa.) Academy and Holderness School in New Hampshire.

68 **James H. Stewart IV**, 76, MA Spanish, of Glens Mills, Pa., on August 15, 2020. He began his 48-year career at Malvern Preparatory School as a Spanish teacher, but held many other roles, including serving as head of school and president. He maintained a teaching schedule even when he was in administration.

Robert J. Wee, 82, MA Spanish, of Reinholds, Pa., on June 3, 2020. Born in Manila, Philippines, he grew up during the Japanese occupation of the islands during WWII. He taught Spanish for 32 years at Ephrata (Pa.) High School and later taught Spanish at Albright and Franklin and Marshall Colleges.

69 **Lyle B. Torrey Jr.**, 88, MA English, of Charleston, S.C., on July 21, 2020. He served four years in the Marines before returning to his alma mater, Hotchkiss School, to teach English and coach sports.

70 **Evelyn Gartner Fowles**, 74, MA German, of Kennett Square, Pa., on August 16, 2020. She taught German and Spanish at Ohio Univ. and the Univ. of Alabama.

72 **John S. Kerr**, 76, MA English, of Scottsdale, Ariz., on July 5, 2020. He taught English at the Taft School before enlisting in the Army where he served as an area intelligence specialist in Da Lat, Vietnam and taught English as a second language. He then began a 39-year career at the Kent (Conn.) School serving in many roles including as an English teacher, director of admissions, director of planned giving, senior development officer, and assistant secretary of the corporation.

Sam J. Sykes III, 73, MA French, of Newport News, Va., on August 6, 2020. He taught French in the Newport News City Public Schools and after retiring, taught French at the College of William and Mary.

73 **Ellen Jo Emerson**, 69, MA French, of Monroe Township, N.J., on August 7, 2020. She worked for a French automaker and French film board before spending 13 years in the biotech industry at Eppendorf as a technical writer. In 2005 she received her Master of Divinity from New Brunswick Theological Seminary and served as a pastor in Brooklyn.

Joann Palumbo Jackson, 69, MA Spanish, of Erie, Pa., on July 26, 2020. She taught Spanish at several high schools in the Buffalo, N.Y., area.

76 **Allen P. Weirick**, 66, MA German, of Cartersville, Ga., on July 29, 2020. He taught German at the University of Cincinnati, Ohio; the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Mich.; John Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md.; and the University of Georgia in Athens, Ga., before moving to Cartersville to teach at Woodland High School.

77 **Leonard L. Symansky**, 88, DML French, of Delmar, N.Y., on February 5, 2019. He taught for many years at Columbia-Greene Community College in Hudson, N.Y., and received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in teaching and professional service.

81 **Jack E. Estes**, 90, MA French, of Arkadelphia, Ark., on June 11, 2020. He worked 36 years at Ouachita Baptist Univ., where he taught French, chaired the Department of Modern Languages, was the director of the exchange program with Seinan Gakuin Univ. in Japan, and served as assistant dean of the School of Arts and Sciences.

82 **Davis M. Richardson**, 71, MA French, of Boyds, Md., on July 8, 2020. He had a career in the military after graduating from West Point, including working in the Office of the Army Attache at the U.S. Embassy in Paris and returning to West Point to teach French. Resigning from active duty, he remained in the Army Reserve and founded his company, Sugarplum Tent Company.

14 **Chiara D'Agostino**, 48, MA Italian, of Montclair, N.J., on August 4, 2020. After being diagnosed with breast cancer, she wrote about her experiences in her blog, Beauty through the Beast. After a double mastectomy, she walked the runway of New York Fashion Week for the lingerie brand AnaOno and began a career in modeling. She became an advocate for patients and health care.